

# The Baptist Record

JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Thursday, October 19, 1989

Published Since 1877

## Volunteers repair housing at New Orleans Seminary

By Jack Honea

"Count us as part of your crew every year, God willing. We don't have a chance to be a part of such a combined effort do to something in God's Kingdom."

Jimmy Van, a 72 year old retired member of Central Church, McComb, on his first such trip said, "I'd love to go, but I don't know what I can do to help." Van, who was in the glass business, applied that to measuring and cutting sheetrock. At the end of the week, he said, "We sure worked hard, but I enjoyed every minute of it."

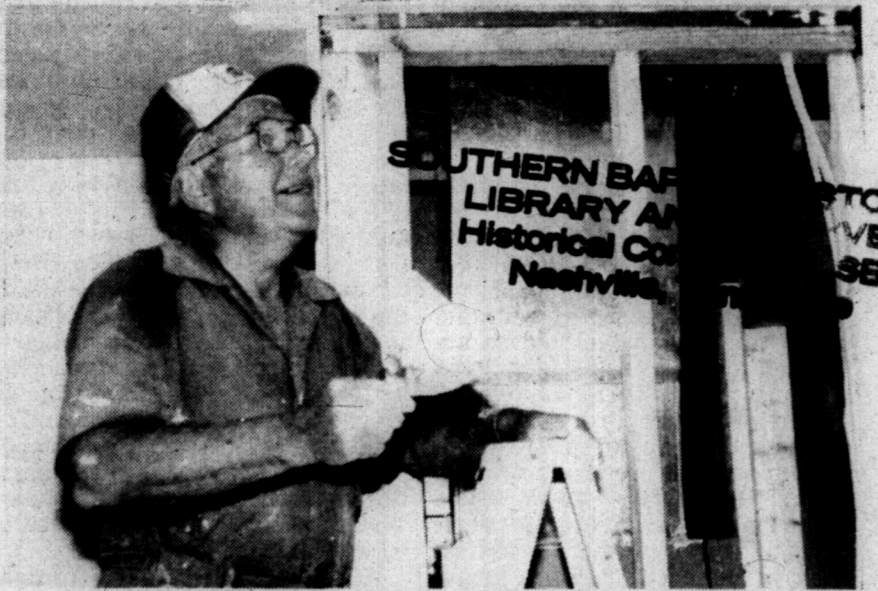
Carl Fortenberry, a 16-year football player from Bluff Springs Church out from Magnolia, decided at the last minute to go. He might have thought this would get him out of the hayfield; but found himself in a three foot ditch Monday morning instead, digging under the footing in the wet, sticky New Orleans soil. As the week went along his strong, young back was called on repeatedly. He responded, "I wasn't sure I wanted to go down there to work, but it was really enjoyable to be a part of this and work with all

these agreeable people."

Directors of Maintenance O'Neal confirmed his beliefs that the average volunteer crew, led by a competent construction leader, could aid the seminary every summer in their enormous task of maintaining and remodeling facilities. Currently an effort is underway to update a series of four apartment complexes named after the states that support the Cooperative Program and known by seminary residents as the "state" buildings. O'Neal arranged to have NOBTS professors lead in our customary mid-morning devotion each day, allowing us the opportunity to participate in the flavor of the Seminary teaching.

Anyone interested in finding out about projects at New Orleans Seminary can contact Jim O'Neal, Director of Maintenance; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; 3939 Gentilly Boulevard; New Orleans, LA 70126-4858.

Honea is an area district coordinator of construction projects and member of First Church, Magnolia.



Jimmy Van of Central Church, McComb, applies spackling to sheetrock in an apartment at New Orleans Seminary.

## HMB begins phone service for pregnancy options

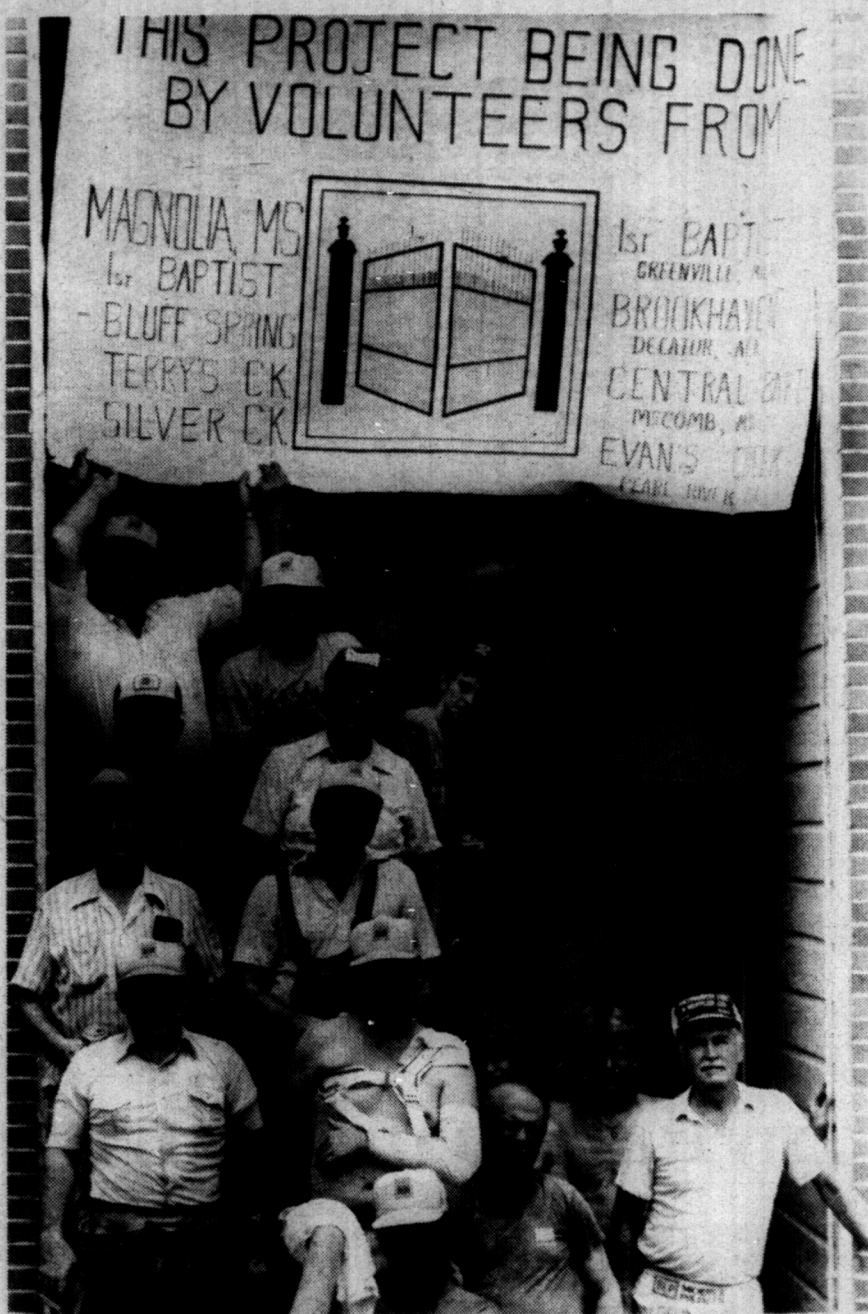
ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has established a toll-free number for churches and individuals to call for assistance in offering abortion alternatives in their communities.

The toll-free number, 1-800-962-0851, went into operation October 1. Sylvia Boothe, coordinator of alternatives to abortion ministries for the Home Mission Board, said the new service is directed to churches and individuals who are concerned about abortion but do not know what to do or what resources are available.

Pregnant women and girls who are

struggling with the abortion question can also call the toll-free number, Boothe said. "We want to refer them to local churches and contact persons for counseling, rather than trying to do the counseling on the telephone. Our experience is that counseling is best done on the local level where the resources of a local church can be made available."

The toll-free number also will enable churches and individuals interested in establishing a crisis pregnancy center to seek assistance from the Home Mission Board in setting up such centers, Boothe added.



This was a part of the crew working as volunteers this summer at New Orleans Seminary. From left, bottom to top, are Brent Robinson, Rex Nelson, Jimmy Van, Henry Chambers, Billy Granger; middle: Harold Wilson, Mack Keenum, Johnny Sanders, Ben Stewart, Tommy Sanders, Jack Honea, Mack Honea; right: Ed Nunery, Bob Lindeman.

## Trott quotes apostle as retirement comes

By Art Toalston

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Mississippian Ed Trott tapped the words of the Apostle Paul in reflecting on his retirement as a Southern Baptist missionary: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Trott, a missionary to Brazil for 33 years, added words of his own: "There's only one good fight, and that's to take the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Any other fight is not worthy of the name of Christ. And I hope Southern Baptists will be engaged in putting the priority on the good fight."

Trott was among 72 retirees honored for their careers in foreign missions during ceremonies in Richmond, Va., Oct. 9-10. The group worked for a combined total of 2,247 years on 40 different overseas mission fields, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks.

Trott recounted various ways he has been a part of the "good fight," such as "seeing 400 people come down the aisles in a stadium in a driving rain... to trust Christ as Savior through the power of God."

"The good fight is like going to a home of a man who had never wanted to go inside a church door with his Christian wife," Trott said, explaining that the man had fallen ill and was ready to respond to the gospel. "For the next three days that he lived, this man only wanted his wife to read the

Bible, to sing hymns to him, and to pray to God. He died with a smile on his face."

For Trott and his wife, Freda, the "good fight" also entailed leading the Living Water Project, one of the largest hunger relief efforts ever undertaken by Southern Baptists. Irrigation, clean water systems, community centers, small factories, farms for the landless poor and home gardens — all infused with evangelism — have been a part of the project in Brazil's Pianco River Valley.

The retiring missionaries "represent nearly every facet of our work," Parks said, citing careers in evangelism, education, medicine, nutrition, agriculture, administration, church construction and journalism.

"These have demonstrated selfless love time and again in place after place," he said.

Doug Knapp, who helped baptize nearly 55,000 people during 26 years as a missionary in Tanzania, commented: "In Africa, it doesn't take long to get a work started, but it takes a lifetime to bring incarnation into the lives of people as they apply the gospel to their individual lives."

Knapp said the Tanzanian Baptist leaders "God has called forth" give him confidence "that we've left a lasting work." Knapp and his wife, Evelyn, chronicled their mission careers in the book, "Thunder in the Valley."

Art Toalston writes for the FMB.



# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Election of messengers

There is no way to predict what the registration for the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be as it meets at First Church in Jackson Nov. 13 to 15, but it can be predicted that the attendance will not be what it should be.

Out of the 450,000 or so resident Baptists in the state, the attendance will be in the area of 1,500. It should be at least twice this many.

The time of meeting beginning on Monday evening and finishing at noon on Wednesday has its effect on the attendance of lay people, of course. It could not be held on the weekend, however, without interfering with church services.

So the hope is to have as many as possible because Baptists operate from a posture of representation. This is the meeting, specifically, to determine what is to be done with the money that Mississippi Baptists have given through the Cooperative Program. For that reason the attendance should be as high as it possibly can be.

Messengers are to be elected by the churches. The messengers are not instructed by the churches. They are free to vote as they see fit as they attend the sessions, but they must be elected by the churches. Every church that has been in friendly cooperation with the Mississippi Baptist Conven-

tion during the past year and that has contributed to missions through the Cooperative Program is entitled to two messengers. If the membership goes beyond 100 members, the church is entitled to an additional messenger for each additional one hundred members or major fraction of 100 members, but no church may have more than 10 messengers.

If the messengers have not been elected, they should be soon. The convention is only days away, and many important issues are to be determined.

They always are.

## Guest opinion . . .

## Abundant life vs. trophies and championship

### Part 2 of 2 Parts

By Jim Tramel

Perhaps a helpful analogy to the plain people would be the Bellamanise tribes in the Pacific Islands. In these tribal families, security is very evident during the child's early years. A young child in his waking moments is always in the arms of or is being carried on the hip of someone who loves him. For the first five years, the Bellamanise child always feels that he is a part of another human being.

Like the Bellamanise children, Amish-Mennonite children are not allowed to experience negative feelings. Brothers and sisters join mother and father in holding and cuddling the young child. With each new family addition, the other plain children are taught to give up their popularity and love and care for the young infant.

Seemingly, there exists no class distinction in the plain culture where a group or groups show feelings of importance or superiority to any others within the culture. Children are taught from an early age "demut," a German word for humility. They are taught that humility is acceptable behavior for God's people while "homut," German for pride is to be avoided. Proud behavior is sinful to the plain people. Self-worship is not allowed to enslave a young child. As a result, security and contentment become the child's characteristics because he feels very much a part of a loving family that over-shadows his needs to exalt self.

One vivid and distinct difference between Amish-Mennonite family life and that of most Americans is the place of outside social influences. The modern American mother considers it her parental duty to taxi her children to baseball, piano, ballet,

swimming lessons, and so forth, never stopping to ponder whether these activities might be fragmenting the family. No such activities interfere with the Amish-Mennonite family. Needed skills are taught at home.

Family meals do not begin until all members are seated at the family table in order of age with the youngest boy next to the father and the youngest girl next to the mother. Silent prayer before and after the meal is under the leadership of the father. This three-times-a-day ritual is a mainstay of the plain peoples' family scene. To an observer, it appears to be one of the prime reasons for the strength and security felt by the young children. Whereas schools, football fields, movie houses, sunbeaches, pool halls, rock concerts, and army base serve as the training ground for the youth of America. The plain peoples' meal table itself stands out vividly as the place where moral fiber is produced. It is in the home where "demut" is learned and learned well.

What prevails in the Amish-Mennonite world is not a "social conscience" but a "family conscience," though it is clear that what is learned in the family translates into positive, productive social behavior. With a family conscience, children and youth do not have to wait for society to dictate their code of conduct. The great moral ultimate is not public opinion but that "magnetic north" to which each family is pulled and that ethical reference provided by family church.

There is a moral fiber among the plain peoples' life which cuts across the very heart of the social stratum. That fiber is chiefly characterized by "demut" humility. This writer recalls

coming to the end of a working day with an Amish friend and making a remark regarding how good a job we had done, only to have the friend say, "Jim, that's alright, but it would be better if someone else had said that." Pride to the plain people is the greatest of sins.

In his book, *Marriage Dual or Duet*, Louis H. Evans states, "The world will make us think the abundance of things brings joy to the soul. It leads the wife to weigh her husband's worth by his ability to have the best clothes on her. It leads his children to expect extravagant presents and ask the unreasonable favor. This gives birth to a lust of things which is never satisfied."

This statement, which certainly is a true description of modern America, pinpoints exactly what Amish-Mennonite philosophy and life is not. If idolatrous desire of things is the world's big drive, then the plain people would be least affected by it.

Johann Pestalozzi, an educator who lived in the early 1700's, wrote, "Education should develop the child from within instead of an imposition of adult standards from without." What we can learn from the plain people is "right-effections."

By studying further Amish-Mennonite background life and practices, Americans could get a glimpse of the abundant life so admirably taught by the greatest of teachers 2,000 years ago. And, while reflecting on the things of the heart, come to understand the real value of trophies and championships and, perhaps, somehow in the end, come to grips with who we are, where we came from, and where we are going!

Jim Tramel is an educator from Raleigh, Miss.

## THE GREATEST WEAPON FOR PEACE

"THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD."  
— HEB. 4:12



## Invitations require member participation

By Jim Lowry

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — A successful invitation is not just three verses of a familiar hymn at the end of a church service, Richard Jackson told preachers from across the Southern Baptist Convention at a conference on preaching.

Instead, it is an atmosphere built over time through studying, witnessing and involving church members, according to Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

For instance, Jackson, said 11 adults participating in an evening worship service at his church came forward to accept Christ as their savior after hearing a sermon from the book of Proverbs on being kind to animals.

"Those persons came because church members were witnessing," Jackson said. "The witness of the people, the prayer of the people, and the concern for people by church members establishes an atmosphere of evangelism. I try to communicate that there is something God wants to say and do in the life of every person present."

North Phoenix Church has been an evangelism leader in the Southern Baptist Convention for several years, baptizing more than 1,000 people each year for the last 10 years.

One way Jackson attempts to focus the attention of church members on non-Christians is to ask every Wednesday night how many people are praying by name for a lost friend or family member.

Only two or three people lifted their hands when Jackson first posed the

question 22 years ago, he said. The next Wednesday night, however, almost half of the people present indicated they were concerned for the salvation of someone they knew.

Now, Jackson estimates about 80 percent of the 2,500 people who attend Wednesday night prayer meetings raise their hands saying they are praying for someone's salvation.

"That keeps evangelism on a personal basis," Jackson said.

"Every Wednesday night after we pray for our sick and bereaved members, we pray for someone to be saved. Every time I walk into the pulpit I expect something to happen to everyone in the congregation," he added.

On the mechanics of the invitation, Jackson recommended that the pastor have others in the church greet and counsel people as they come forward so the pastor can continue to direct the invitation. The deacons and staff members of North Phoenix Church are trained so they can help receive and counsel people who make spiritual decisions.

"The atmosphere of evangelism in a church is caught," Jackson said. "It is a commitment that we are here to help people have a relationship with God."

"Be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit when giving an invitation. And be sensitive when to say something and when not to say something."

Jim Lowry writes for the Sunday School Board.

## The Baptist Record

VOLUME 113

(ISSN-0005-5778)

NUMBER 36

Published weekly except weeks of July 4 and Christmas by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, 515 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Subscription \$7.35 a year payable in advance. Second class postage paid at Jackson, Mississippi. The Baptist Record is a member of Southern Baptist Press Association.

Editor . . . . . Don McGregor  
Associate Editor . . . . . Tim Nicholas  
Assistant Editor . . . . . Anne McWilliams  
Advertising Coordinator . . . . . Evelyn Keyes  
Editorial Assistant . . . . . Florence Lurimore  
Circulation Assistant . . . . . Renee Walley  
Financial Records . . . . . Betty Anne Bailey  
Computer Operator . . . . . Irene Martin

Baptist Record Advisory Committee: Ferrell Cork, Jackson, chairman; Joel Haire, Crystal Springs; Bruce Hill, Lexington; Raymond Martin Jr., Jackson, vice-chairman; Billy Thames, Wesson; Odean Puckett, Natchez; ex-officio, Evelyn Keyes, secretary, Jackson.  
Postmaster: Send changes of address to THE BAPTIST RECORD, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Send news, communications, and address changes to  
The Editor, Baptist Record  
P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205



## Pastors "would see Jesus" at conference

The fourth annual Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet Nov. 13 at First Church, Jackson, with the theme "We Would See Jesus," according to conference president Ed Gandy, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko.

Mississippi pastors speaking on the program have assigned topics. D.J. Benson will speak on "The Compassionate Jesus," Dennis Smith on "The Crucified Jesus," Mickey Dalrymple on "The Crowned Jesus," and Ronnie Robinson on "The Coming Jesus."

Benson is pastor of Salem Heights Church, Jones County; Smith is pastor of First Church, Corinth; Dalrymple, Fairview Church, Columbus; and Robinson, Mt. Moriah Church, Lincoln County. Robinson, second vice president of the MBC, was recently elected executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village.

The two outside speakers have no assigned topics according to program materials. They are Joel Gregory and Fred Wolfe. Gregory is pastor of Travis Ave. Church, Fort Worth. Wolfe is pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile. Gregory is president of Texas Baptists. Wolfe is a member of the SBC Executive Committee. Both are scheduled to speak to the Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Jan. 29-31.

Music for the conference will be provided by Graham Smith, Rita Sweatt, Allen Harris, Bernie and Bud (Continued on page 7)

At Broadmoor, Jackson

## Evangelism Conference features 13 sermons, January 29-31

Two seminary professors, a state evangelism director, a Home Mission Board evangelism consultant, two pastors, and a Mississippi evangelist will be featured preachers for the annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference in January.

The annual preaching meeting will take place Jan. 29-31 at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, with the theme, "So the Lost May Hear." The program begins on Monday evening and concludes Wednesday morning.

Larry McSwain, dean of the school of theology and professor of church and community at Southern Seminary, and Roy Fish, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, will be among the speakers, speaking twice.

Leonard Sanderson, director of evangelism for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and Howard Ramsey, director of the Personal Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, will both speak twice on the program.

The pastors on the program will be Joel Gregory and Fred Wolfe, both of whom are scheduled to speak during the Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Con-

ference on Nov. 13. Gregory is pastor of Travis Ave. Church, Fort Worth. Wolfe is pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile. The two pastors will speak twice.

The Mississippi evangelist, slated to speak on Tuesday afternoon, is Gary Bowlin who lives in Brandon and is staff evangelist for Park Place Church, Brandon. He is president of the Conference of Mississippi Baptist Evangelists.



Bowlin



McSwain



Fish



Gregory



Wolfe



Sanderson



Ramsey

The Second Front Page

# The Baptist Record

JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Thursday, October 19, 1989

Published Since 1877

## Southeastern groups take steps toward reconciliation

By Marv Knox

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Faculty, trustees, and administrators at Southeastern Seminary took a first step toward reconciliation during an unprecedented workshop Oct. 9-10.

The three groups — engaged in a two-year-old conflict that has threatened the seminary's accreditation — reached a three-part "compromise" offered by outgoing trustee Chairman Robert D. Crowley, a pastor from Rockville, Md.

They agreed to:

- Place a moratorium on election of permanent faculty members until after the board's March meeting.

- Instruct a special faculty/trustee task force to propose a new faculty-selection process, which the trustees are to consider in March.

- Allow President Lewis A. Drummond to maintain his prerogative to appoint temporary faculty as needed during the interim.

Faculty selection dominated discussion during the workshop, which was interwoven into the fall trustee meeting at the Wake Forest, N.C., school.

Disagreement over the faculty-selection process launched the conflict in October 1987. That was when the trustees' new conservative majority changed the way the seminary picks professors — a move faculty and others believed was designed to ensure that only biblical inerrantists could be hired as professors.

That action reduced the faculty's power to determine faculty candidates, vesting more control with the president and a trustee committee. Then-President W. Randall Lolley, most administrators and some faculty subsequently resigned, and Southeastern's two accrediting agencies launched investigations.

The workshop this fall was part of a response to one of those agencies,

the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Planners said the workshop was designed to get all three parties talking about issues that divide them.

When it was over, participants agreed progress had been made. But faculty noted the process almost was undermined by four actions trustees took in their meeting.

First, trustees voted that the American Association of University Professors and its chapter at Southeastern Seminary "have no official standing with the seminary." The Southeastern chapter involves all but one full-time professor who were on the faculty prior to Drummond's tenure.

Second, they refused to allow "inclusive language guidelines" drafted by the faculty to be printed in the

seminary's catalog, student handbook and directory.

Third, they agreed to consider at their March meeting a proposal that would name the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement as an official seminary document and would require all faculty candidates to affirm the statement prior to election or full-time employment. Current faculty signed the seminary's present doctrinal guidelines, the Articles of Faith — also known as the Abstract of Principles — and would not be required to sign the Baptist Faith and Message.

Fourth, they voted to open the small-group meetings in which faculty and trustees were to discuss seminary issues. At the faculty's request, they later consented to close those meetings, as pre-arranged pro-

(Continued on page 7)

## Martins, Mettses named foreign missionaries

Two couples with Mississippi ties have been appointed missionaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They are Thomas and Cynthia Martin and Joe and Terri Metts.

The Martins will live in Bolivia where he will be starting and developing churches. Since 1986 he has been pastor of Bethlehem Church, Forkville, Miss.

He was born in Yazoo City and is a graduate of Jones County Community College and Mississippi College, and earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Martin has been pastor of Anding Church, Benton; Liberty Church, Forest; and Canal Blvd. Church, New Orleans. He has been a BSU summer missionary in Kenya.

Born and reared in Natchez, Mrs. Martin is the former Cynthia Hammack. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

She has been a secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and was secretary-associational clerk for Scott Association. She was a summer missionary in Montana sponsored by the Mississippi Brotherhood Department.

The Martins have two children: Kyle Perryman, born in 1982; and Joel Thomas, 1986. The family will go to Maryland for orientation in November.

The Mettses will live in the Dominican Republic where he will be starting and developing churches. Since 1987 he has been minister of

(Continued on page 7)



The Martins



The Mettses



# Baptist students urged to adopt lifestyle evangelism

By Delise Teague

More than 700 Mississippi Baptist college and university students met at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, recently for their annual BSU convention hearing speakers urge them to practice lifestyle evangelism and stressing the urgency of availability to God.

In the closing message for the three-day meeting, Ken Smith told students to "get out of the huddle" and "get in on the action." The huddle, said Smith, pastor of First Church, Pompano Beach, Fla., is the church where Christians get the game plan that enables them to go out and reach people with the gospel where they are.

In another message Smith told the biblical story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 from the perspective of the boy who gave his lunch for the crowd. Said Smith, "It's not who you are that matters, but your availability to God. It's not what you have that matters, but what you offer. And it's not what you do that matters, but what you allow God to do through you."

Smith related a story of his coming of age in a family rich in tradition. At Thanksgiving, the family ate in shifts, first the men, then the women, and finally, the children. With vivid imagery, Smith recounted the day his grandfather sent for him to join the

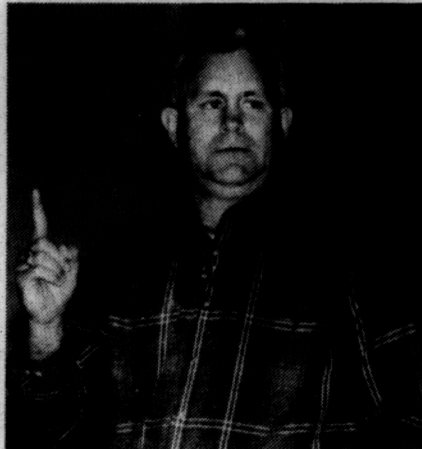
men at the "big table." Smith told the students, "You have been invited by God to be a member of the family — to sit at the big table. Are you going to act like it?"

Esther Burroughs reminded the students that Christians are the light of the world. Burroughs, an evangelism consultant with the Home Mission Board, pointed out that Christians are a chosen race and a royal priesthood and that a Christian's "light is of no use until it meets the darkness."

Chuck Maxwell, a performer of contemporary Christian music from Jackson, Tenn., gave concerts and led in congregational singing. Each session began with a dramatic theme interpretation by mime specialists Bryan and Marguerite Humphrey of Waco, Tex.

In the annual business session, students unanimously adopted goals for the new year as proposed by the student missions committee. After raising \$94,929 and sending out 79 student missionaries in 1989, Baptist students in Mississippi voted to raise \$100,000 and to send out 90 student missionaries in 1990.

Delise Teague of Ramer, Tenn., is a graduate student in journalism at Ole Miss.



Ken Smith

## Writing team begins work on guidebook

NASHVILLE (BP) — A seven-member writing team has begun work on an addition to the Baptist Student Ministry Guidebook that is expected to be available by August 1990.

Max Barnett, director of student ministries at the University of Oklahoma in Norman and managing editor and a writer for the addition, met Sept. 11-13 with four student ministry directors and two staff members of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's student ministry department to begin work on writing assignments. Writing is expected to be completed by January 1990.

Campus ministers joining Barnett on the writing team include Brett Yohn, director of the department of student work for Nebraska and campus minister at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln; Bob Anderson, director of student work for Kansas and campus minister at Kansas State University in Manhattan; Dave Medders, director of student ministry at the University of Wyoming in Laramie; and Larry Woods, director of student ministry at Michigan State University in East Lansing.



Bryan and Marguerite Humphrey



This is a scene from a program section called summer missions highlights, interviews with student missionaries. The two at left were partners in Utah-Idaho. They are Hugh Freeze of Northwest Community College and Scott Walters of Jones County Community College. At right is Weaver McCracken, associate director of student work, MBCB.

## Carey rises in enrollment by 16 percent

Student credit hours are 18 percent ahead of Fall 1989 budget projections for undergraduate programs at William Carey College. Graduate enrollment hours have reached Fall budget goals, thus hours for all institutional programs are ahead by 16 percent, according to results released by College officials today.

All undergraduate programs are ahead of budget with major increases of 114 percent, 104 percent, and 27 percent being achieved in the National Guard, evening program, and the Nursing School in New Orleans. Undergraduate hours in Hattiesburg and Gulfport are ahead of budget by 5 percent and 6 percent respectively.

Compare to restated Fall 1988 figures, all undergraduate programs except Carey on the Coast are up and were led by the New Orleans campus with a 397 percent increase. Two months ago, all programs except New Orleans were projected to be down because of negative publicity and faculty cuts.

"Turning around the enrollment trends in Hattiesburg and Gulfport is absolutely miraculous, especially beginning with a new staff in mid-summer," said Interim President Jim Edwards.

"The overall enrollment results are extremely gratifying, and certainly will help as we continue working with our banks and Mississippi Baptist leaders to finalize our financial restructuring," Edwards said.

Student headcount totaled 1,624 for the 1989 Fall Semester, up from 1,558 for Fall of 1988.

## One millionth Bible rolls off press in China

NEW YORK (ABS) — NANJING, China — After 21 months of operation, the one millionth Chinese Bible came off the Amity Printing presses on September 28.

The Amity Printing Company is a joint venture established by the United Bible Societies and the Amity Foundation, a social service organization initiated by Chinese Christians. Operations began in December 1987 after years of negotiation and a large, successful effort to raise funds from Christians around the globe.

## Baptist constitutional changes are proposed

The Constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention may be amended under certain conditions. Among the conditions, under article four of the Constitution, any suggested changes must be given in writing for two years before voting and must be published in the Baptist Record.

The following are constitutional changes recommended by the constitution and bylaw committee, Bill Baker, chair.

Changes recommended to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1989 and to be voted on again in 1989:

(All changes are in THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATIONAL ACTION)

— Article V — in the last sentence delete "Mississippi Biracial Baptist Commission,"

— Article XIII, Section 1., delete "Mississippi Biracial Baptist Commission,"

— Article XIX, Section 2., (3),

delete "Mississippi Biracial Baptist Commission,"

— Article XXII is to be deleted

— Change the number of Article XXIII, Amendments, to XXII

Change to be recommended to the Convention in 1989 and to be voted on again in 1990:

(Change is in THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND ACTION)

— Article V — Replace "Baptist Memorial Hospital" with "Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc." as this is now the correct name.

(Change in THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION ACTION)

— Article XIX, Section 2., (3) — Change "Church Training" to "Discipleship Training."

— Article XIX, Section 2., (3) — Change "Church Administration" to "Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries."

## Singles to meet in Jones

First Church, Laurel and Jones County single adults will host fall retreat to be held at First Church, Laurel, Nov. 10-11, 7 p.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday.

"Images," a celebrative, upbeat theme will highlight, "The Self Image," "How Others See Us," "The Divine Image" and how Christian single adults may image Christ in the frame work of servanthood.

Joining J. Clark Hensley, single adult consultant MBCB, in the program presentations will be Ann Alexander Smith, national single adult consultant; and Joe Armour, minister to single adults, First Church, Tupelo.

Fellowship activities and music will be conducted by Larry Grafton, Mrs. Larry Kennedy, and Chris and Ronnie Webb, all of Laurel.

Registration fee for the retreat is \$9, including continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday and refreshments Friday night. Reservations may be made by sending \$9 to Single Adult Ministry, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, before Nov. 8. Jones County single adults may direct their reservations to First Church, Laurel. Registration, without meals may be made at the door with a fee of \$1 for each session.

## Golden Triangle plans golf tournament

The Golden Triangle Minister's Golf Tournament will be held at Columbus Country Club on Nov. 3, beginning at 9 a.m. The cost for the 27-hole event is \$22 (green fees, carts, lunch, and prizes). Limited to first 40 to sign up. Contact Tim Williams, Mt. Vernon Church, 328-3042.

**CHURCH FURNITURE**  
For Quality and Low Prices  
**Wallace Foy**  
171 Westover Dr.  
Clarksdale, MS 38614  
1-800-898-0551

**NEW AND USED**

**Does your church need a SOUND SYSTEM?**  
Let our professionals help!  
**Call 1-800-227-5486**  
**Roseberry Piano House**  
Hattiesburg, MS

**FOR CHARTER OR RENT**

**25 - or 47 - Passenger buses**

**BUS SUPPLY CO. INC.**  
McComb, MS 601-684-2900



## Bethany, Potts Camp, to dedicate building

Bethany Church, Potts Camp, Marshall County, will dedicate its church building on Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m. Jerry Massey of First Church, Oxford, will be guest speaker.

A covered dish lunch will be served on the grounds.

Bethany's building was constructed with voluntary help from the Brotherhood of Slayden Church and First, Oxford, and from members of Bethany. Carl Teel is the pastor.

## Carey names missionary-in-residence

Freddie Womble will serve as missionary-in-residence at William Carey College during the fall semester. His presence on campus is part of Carey's increased emphasis on mission-related activities.

Womble will lecture in religion classes, aid the BSU in educating students about mission opportunities, and act as a consultant as the college develops long range plans for a continuing missionary-in-residence program. Womble will serve as a liaison between the BSU and other foreign missionaries. During Foreign Missions Emphasis Week, Nov. 6-9, he will be the featured speaker.

Womble was graduated from Carey in 1976. He was pastor in Mississippi before becoming a career foreign missionary. He served in Paraguay for three years after completing language school in Costa Rica. He is married to the former Karen Rhoden. They have one child.

Mr. and Mrs. Womble are also serving 38th Avenue Church, in Hattiesburg, as missionaries-in-residence.

Walter Brown of Gulfport has been hired by New Orleans Seminary as associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew for its School of Christian Training. Previously he served as associate professor of religion at William Carey College.

He is former pastor of Centerville Church, Mantachie and Jackson's Camp Church, Tishomingo. Brown was a Mississippi Army National Guard chaplain for five years. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary with a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Two others with Mississippi ties have joined the faculty of the seminary. Wayne VanHorn, a former pastor of Hebron Church, Vaiden, is new assistant professor of Old Testament and Hebrew. And Don Wilton, former associate pastor of First Church, Columbia, is new assistant professor of preaching in the division of pastoral ministries. Wilton will deliver the Bible Treasure messages during the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November.

Shirley Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gross of Tupelo, and a May graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville with an M. Div. C.E., is now working as minister to children at Lakeside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla.

Glenn A. Cain has joined the staff of Mississippi College as associate director of continuing education.

The 10,000 Venezuelan Baptists set a membership goal of 1 million by A.D. 2000.

# Names in the news



BIRMINGHAM — Frances Mason of Birmingham shows Thomas W. Higginbotham a photo of her late husband, in whose memory she has established a permanent scholarship in the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University. Higginbotham, a native of Kosciusko, Miss., and a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic College, is a first-year student in the divinity school. He is the first recipient of the new scholarship. Mrs. Mason's career spans almost 50 years in the banking and insurance industry. Her husband was a ministerial student before entering World War II, where he died in action.

## OLD BIBLES REBOUND

A price, binding and style to meet every need. Quality workmanship guaranteed. Write for illustrated price folder.

"Internationally known specialists"  
**NORRIS BOOKBINDING CO.**  
Box 305-C — Greenwood, Miss. 38930

## WADECO STUDIOS

P.O. Box 773  
Blakely, Georgia 31723

STAINED GLASS · PAINTING · RENOVATION  
WATERPROOFING · STEEPLE WORK

(912) 723-4235

## "The Piano Place"

Select your new or used piano from our large stock of famous name brands. Save substantially on spinet, console or baby grand pianos.

Factory authorized dealers for:  
Steinway • Kawai • Kimball • Wurlitzer • Weber

Financing available  
MC/Visa/American Express  
**Allegrezza Piano Company**  
Nina Barker, Manager • 856-2524  
226 Highway 51 N. • Ridgeland, MS  
2 miles North of County Line Road

## Here's Hope Prospect Cultivation Seminar November 6, 1989

**Target audience:** The primary audience for this seminar is pastors, Sunday School directors, general and class outreach leaders. Department directors and teachers who want to build **reaching** Sunday School will benefit. The seminar will have specific application to outreach programs and ideas.

**Locations:** Seminars will be held on the same evening in nine locations —  
FBC, Batesville — Randy Tompkins  
FBC, Starkville — Larry Salter  
West Jackson Street, Tupelo — Emmett Wade  
North Greenwood, Greenwood — Keith Wilkinson  
FBC, Clinton — Bill Crider  
FBC, Brookhaven — Gary Shows  
FBC, Gulfport — Keith Williams  
Main Street, Hattiesburg — Glen Williams  
Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian — Judd Allen

**Time:** 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. — Meal  
6:45 - 9:15 p.m. — Seminar

**Registration:** Attendance will be by pre-registration. Registration cost is \$4.00. This includes a meal and seminar materials. **Registration fee to be paid at door.**

**Please complete the registration form and mail to:**  
**Sunday School Department**  
**P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Please register \_\_\_\_\_ persons from our church.

We will attend the following seminar:

FBC, Batesville _____	FBC, Gulfport _____	West Jackson St., Tupelo _____
FBC, Starkville _____	FBC, Brookhaven _____	Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian _____
FBC, Clinton _____	Main Street, Hattiesburg _____	N. Greenwood, Greenwood _____

## Devotional

# Death is defeated

By J. Greg Martin  
John 11:25-26

The death of Japan's Emperor Hirohito brought international focus to the Pacific islands. He died in January this year after a 62-year reign. His rule spanned the World War II bombing attack upon Pearl Harbor, as well as the great economic recovery of the Japanese in the 1970s and 1980s.

At Hirohito's February funeral, 163 international leaders gathered to pay tribute to the emperor's life. Thirty-two thousand police officers were amassed for security operations to protect leaders like our own President George Bush. At the funeral, 210,000 mourners lined the Tokyo streets. The one-ton coffin for Hirohito's body required 51 pallbearers clad in black robes. Ten thousand people filled the two huge tents at the Imperial Garden. The funeral cost the Japanese government nearly \$74,000,000. Hirohito went out of this life with the most celebrated funeral in modern history. He left this earth in great dignity.

Our Lord Jesus' funeral was not so grand. It was not so lofty. There were no pallbearers. No kings or government officials assembled at the graveyard. His coffin was nothing elaborate. It was nothing more than a linen sheet. No one came. No one cared. The event attracted no one.

As I have often thought of the contrasts between Hirohito's funeral and our Lord's, I have also been compelled to examine the difference death meant to them. For the emperor, death was final. For our Lord, death was something that waited to be conquered. Hirohito's body is decaying even now. Our Lord's came up victoriously out of the grave. Today Hirohito is in hell because he was not a born-again child of God. Today our Jesus lives because he is the Son of God.

Jesus promises the same resurrection victory to all who trust him. He said, in John 11:25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." It is a great comfort to know suffering, sin, and death are not final for the Christian.

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because he lives.*

—William Gaither

Martin is pastor, Commission Road, Long Beach.





### "Jesus, I Love You"

Woodland Hills Church deaf congregation broke all their previous records for attendance on a regular Sunday morning, Sept. 10. Designated as "Round-up Sunday," the deaf congregation was trying to have 65 present for Sunday School and 85 present for worship. When the final count was complete, there were 76 in Sunday School and 111 present for worship. Included in these totals were 37 students from the Mississippi School for the Deaf.

In addition, this was a day set aside by the deaf to honor Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gladney for their service to the church during the ten month interim without a pastor to the deaf. Gladney provided pastoral leadership and ministry to the deaf congregation during this time. The congregation presented the Gladneys with a cross stitch picture of hands signing "Jesus, I love you." All the members signed

the matte around the picture. Following the worship service, a covered dish dinner was held and a time of recreation for the students from MSD.

Woodland Hills Church deaf ministry is a complete ministry to deaf persons, providing separate worship services and Bible study plus a completely graded Sunday School organization with classes for deaf and hearing impaired persons from younger children through adults. In addition, they have deaf choir that sings every Sunday in the deaf worship service as well as in other churches on special occasions. It is the oldest Baptist deaf ministry in the state having been established in January, 1961, as well as the largest membership, consisting of 100 plus deaf and hearing impaired persons. Jim Booth is the pastor to the deaf at Woodland Hills and deaf ministry consultant for Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Bill Fuller is pastor.

## Executive Committee supports Southeastern Seminary trustees

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has adopted a document supporting the role of trustees at Southeastern Seminary.

The Wake Forest, N.C., seminary is being examined by its accrediting agencies, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

Both agencies began their examinations in 1988. The studies came at the end of an academic year in which conservatives became the majority on the school's trustee board, President W. Randall Lolley and other top administrators resigned and new President Lewis A. Drummond was elected.

The Executive Committee statement was offered by Julian M. Motley, pastor of Gorman Baptist Church in Durham, N.C., at the end of its fall meeting Sept. 18-19 in Nashville.

The document includes a preamble and six sections. It states:

"The Executive Committee... has been made aware of the current review of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary by its accrediting agencies.

Southeastern Seminary is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention controlled by its trustees elected in accordance with the bylaws of the SBC. It is not our prerogative to direct the affairs of Southeastern Seminary.

Rather, we wish to affirm:

— "That we recognize the significance and value of the objective principles of accreditation standards. Accreditation agencies have a valid role in monitoring academic standards and in evaluating the viability of a school in terms of its use of available resources and in terms of its commitment to its educational purpose.

— "That the trustees of Southeastern Seminary, duly elected by the SBC, have the right and duty to set policy and to direct the affairs of the seminary according to established seminary policies and procedures.

— "That we value the various

seminary faculties for their teaching skills, their theological expertise, their emphasis on local church ministries and their contributions to the lives of future SBC ministers.

— "That we support the administrative structure of the SBC's seminaries, where trustees set policies and elected administrators carry out those policies.

— "That all SBC educational institutions are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the appropriate regional accrediting agency and have experienced the same dynamics of recent leadership changes within the SBC.

"All SBC seminaries received visits by the SBC Peace Committee and were also subjects of its report to the SBC before the committee was disbanded.

We did not and do not believe that these visits and reports in any way violated the academic freedom of the seminaries' faculties, nor is there any potential for loss of responsible academic freedom as a result of those visits and reports.

"No authority was granted to that committee beyond that necessary to fulfill its purpose of investigating and reporting on the possible causes of the controversy within the SBC.

"Trustees retained full authority to set policy for each seminary in accordance with the primary documents of each school. Trustees were not put under any pressure to take action against individual professors nor against any group of professors. Findings were reported, but no condemnations were expressed in the report, nor were any voted by the convention nor any of its agencies or committees.

"Non-binding recommendations were made about future hiring policies as one possible solution to the controversy within our convention, but even these recommendations were not aimed at any one convention institution or agency, but were affirmed as suggested recommendations to all entities of the convention — conditional in each case by individual situations, various primary documents and by our system of

trusteeship.

"Each trustee board has voluntarily responded in ways that seemed appropriate in light of individual circumstances. We believe that each trustee has acted as he/she saw fit.

"Moreover, as representatives of the SBC, which provides major budget funding to Southeastern Seminary — recognizing, of course, the separate identity and organizational structure of each institution — we affirm that the SBC does not in our judgment desire to have a self-perpetuating faculty any more than it desires a self-perpetuating board of trustees.

"We believe in the principle of administrative leadership in new faculty selection without denying the value of faculty input through consultation.

Election to the faculty is a trustee responsibility and occurs on the basis of administrative recommendations to trustees through their organizational structure. We also affirm the right of a duly elected trustee board to set the new-faculty selection policies and procedures.

— "That we believe that Southeastern Seminary has enhanced its image among many Southern Baptists through the election of Lewis A. Drummond as president and through the vision for theological education that he has articulated.

"We believe that the recent changes at Southeastern Seminary will greatly enhance the school's image and are supported by this Executive Committee.

Drummond expressed gratitude to the Executive Committee for its support.

"I appreciate this very, very much," he said. "The Executive Committee, with counsel, has produced a very viable document that will be of positive benefit with our accrediting agencies."

Motley noted he was not the "primary author" of the statement, although he originally drafted a shorter version of the document. He declined to say who wrote the statement but added: "It has been privately prepared. It is not the work of any group, officially or otherwise."

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld. The withholding of names will be at the discretion of the editor.

### Thanks from South Carolinians

Editor:

Thousands of South Carolinians have been touched by Mississippi Baptists' generosity and missions efforts during our recovery from the ravages of Hurricane Hugo. The prompt response to our request for assistance from your Mass Feeding Unit allowed the practical application of God's love to be evident to people who were hungry and hurting.

More than 300,000 meals were prepared by 14 Brotherhood feeding units from 11 states. The witness of Southern Baptists in this state will be enhanced for years to come because of this response.

We continue to hear words of deepest appreciation from the people of Charleston, where your unit was located. I wanted to pass on these ex-

pressions of appreciation and to add those of our convention and staff.

Thank you for helping us in our time of need. Your efforts remind us of how appreciative we are to be a part of cooperation among our Baptist brothers and sisters in sharing God's love with every person on the earth.

Ray P. Rust

Executive-secretary-treasurer,  
South Carolina Baptist  
Convention

### Promote lay renewal

Editor,

I am writing to help publicize and promote what I feel God is using to renew and revive His churches, lay renewal!

What is Lay Renewal? Mr. Dub Herring (Lay Renewal Coordinator) of Picayune, Mississippi, said, "It's the best kept secret Southern Baptist have." Mr. Earl Smith (team member), also of Picayune, said, "It's

a little bit of renewal; a little bit of revival; and a little bit of heaven." While both of these statements are true, I believe Lay Renewal is a time of self-evaluation; a time of decision; a time of commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ; a time of encountering God and experiencing renewal and revival.

This past weekend (September 15-17) in our church many people encountered the risen Savior. It led to salvation for four church members and other commitments for many more. It was a great time in the Lord. The services on Sunday evening lasted from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. as people shared what God had done in their lives. Truly, the true results will show up in the months and years to come.

If your church needs renewal and revival, I recommend a "Lay Renewal Weekend." Contact the state Brotherhood Department for more information.

In closing, thanks to Mr. Dub Herring and all the team members, who were used of God to touch our lives in bringing renewal.

James Taylor, pastor  
Corinth Church  
Heidelberg

## Homosexual behavior declared "unacceptable"

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — An appeal by an avowed homosexual student at Southern Seminary has been denied by President Roy L. Honeycutt.

Honeycutt's decision upholds disciplinary action requiring Missouri student Kevin Kouba to withdraw from the Louisville, Ky., school.

Charging he had been misled in the initial hearing and that the seminary's policy on homosexual behavior is unfair, Kouba had appealed the original decision to two seminary disciplinary groups and then to Honeycutt.

His appeal was denied each time.

In a letter to Kouba obtained by the Louisville Courier-Journal, Honeycutt

said his review of the case indicated Kouba was "treated fairly throughout the disciplinary process." He said the school's policy is "clear and unambiguous" in stipulating that "homosexual behavior" and "heterosexual misconduct" are "unacceptable."

Honeycutt noted that the policy and Kouba's actions "relate to actual behavior and not just (sexual) orientation."

Kouba, who had planned to graduate next May from the seminary's School of Church Music, told the Courier-Journal he had anticipated Honeycutt's ruling and would consider reapplying for admission for the spring semester.

### Mississippi Baptist activities

- Oct. 23-25 Youth Ministers' Workshop; Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; 1:30 p.m. 23rd — 1 p.m., 25th (CAPM)
- Oct. 26 Student Day at the Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (CoMi)
- Oct. 27 Key Leader Seminar; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (CoMi)
- Oct. 27-29 International Student Conference; Camp Garaywa; 4 p.m., 27th Noon, 29th (SW)
- Oct. 28 Associational VBS Early Bird Clinic; Crossgates BC, Brandon; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (SS)





# Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



BAPTIST RECORD PAGE 7

Thursday, October 19, 1989

## Mississippi's Miss T.E.E.N.

Sixteen-year-old Tonya Louise West, was crowned Mississippi's Miss T.E.E.N., 1989, on Aug. 12 at Fulton Chapel at the University of Mississippi, Oxford. When I talked with her yesterday, she said that she will take part in national competition in Kansas City in November, at Thanksgiving, and that the pageant will be televised.

Tonya, a member of Salem Heights Baptist Church, Jones County, since she was 13, and the daughter of Tony and Margaret West of Waynesboro, is a junior at Wayne Academy. She has a brother, Jody, age 11.

This pageant, I've just learned, is advertised as "the quality pageant for quality girl." Its initials, T.E.E.N., stand for Teens Encouraging Excellence Nationally.

One item that makes this contest different is that each competitor must complete at least 12 hours of service to a non-profit organization within her community. Tonya, who has given 36 hours in nursing homes and to the association for retarded children won first place in the category of volunteer service work.

Each of the 30 contestants in the state pageant was judged in four other areas — scholastic achievement;

speech or other talent; personal interview; and formal presentation.

Tonya's performance of Mozart's "Rondo Alla Polka" on the piano won her first place in talent. She also got a first place in personal interview, and was first alternate in formal presentation. Her reward was a \$1,000 scholarship to Ole Miss and \$1,000 in cash. Additional scholarships and awards and a trip to Hawaii will be given the winner of the national competition.

At Salem Heights, Tonya is active in Sunday School, Church Training, youth choir, and Bible drill. "I love to take part in Bible drills!" she told me. She was a state superior winner for three years in children's Bible drills and then for four years in youth Bible drills — every year from fourth grade through tenth grade. For three years, she took part in state Bible drill finals. In eighth grade, she was one of the top ten Bible drillers of the state.

Her favorite Bible verse, she said, is Psalm 30:5 — "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

"The quality pageant for quality girls." Tonya West sounds like top quality to me.



## Southside plans women's meet

"Lord, Change Me," is the theme of a conference for women, Oct. 28, sponsored by Southside Church, Jackson.

Speakers include Jo Ann Paris Leavell, Lisa Leavell, Brenda Thrash, Bonita Bridges, and Sarah Hawkins. Jo Ann Leavell is the wife of Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary and will speak on "Today's Family: Here to Stay." Lisa Leavell of Jackson will bring inspirational music. Thrash, who teaches Precept Ministries, will speak on "God's Beautiful Woman." Bridges, a family financial consultant, will speak on "Family Financial Planning." And Hawkins of Jackson will speak on "No Place Like Home — Features on Entertaining and Decorating."

Cost of the meeting which will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is \$15 by advance registration through Oct. 20. That cost includes all sessions, lunch, and refreshments. For details, contact the church at 372-9161.

## Suits projected for pioneers

For more than 25 years Mississippi Baptists have been saying Merry Christmas in a special way to pastors in pioneer areas.

The idea is that, in many instances, Baptist pastors in new work areas do not often have the ready cash to buy a new suit. So, Mississippi Baptists, through their Brotherhood Department, have been buying those new suits in appreciation of the unheralded work of these pastors.

This year's project will attempt to give a new suit to every Southern Baptist pastor in Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. That is approximately 152 suits, shirts, and ties to be given.

Those wishing to participate in the suit project, may contact the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 for details.

## Steps toward reconciliation

(Continued from page 3)  
cedure indicated.

Despite those problems, participants said the time together was valuable.

Robert Cooley, president of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in suburban Boston and the workshop facilitator who was suggested by Southeastern's other accrediting agency, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, said the workshop ended on a high note.

"Change is accomplished through crisis, revolution or process," Cooley said. "I have seen in this process some movement toward change."

Trusteeship is a ministry, and faculty membership also is a divine calling, he added, urging members of both groups to respect one another.

Cooley called on Southeastern to adopt a "shared governance" model of operation, noting the difficulty with the faculty-selection process "is only symptomatic" of the larger problem of seminary governance.

Trustees, faculty and administration should be participants in shared governance, he added, explaining that this properly involves only three components: trustees and faculty on either side, with the president in the middle.

And the groups must continue to communicate, Cooley urged. "Design faculty input at every trustee meeting," he said.

Faculty, trustee and administration representatives came away from the meeting expressing at least guarded optimism.

New trustee Chairman James R. DeLoach, an associate pastor from Houston, said: "In the small-group meetings, faculty, administration and trustees had the very first opportunity to sit and face each other and... speak candidly about agreements and disagreements.... All of us are looking forward to the ongoing process of continuing this dialogue."

"The main thing accomplished in this workshop is a movement toward participatory governance," said Richard Hester, professor of pastoral ministry and a member of the ad hoc committee that planned the workshop.

"Participatory governance would be a different way of going than during the last three years. If participatory governance works — as it did during this workshop — and there are concrete results, then there is hope for our situation."

Added Drummond: "For the first time since my administration, we have had honest, face-to-face, open conversation and an attempt to reach out to faculty and trustees. That's always the first step toward resolving conflict."

Thomas A. Bland, professor of Christian ethics and sociology and a member of the ad hoc committee that planned the workshop, said: "I am encouraged. We have been able to talk.... We are together at the point of what is best for this seminary. We want it to thrive, not just survive."

The process now continues, with the ad hoc planning committee — three

professors, three trustees, Drummond and Cooley — acting as the task force to deal with accreditation issues. A primary task will be to draft the proposed faculty-selection process by Feb. 1, but the committee also will look at other points raised by the accrediting agencies. The group will meet again Nov. 10-11.

Transcripts of trustee, faculty and administration assessments of the workshop — all delivered during the final session — are to be sent to the Southern Association, along with a cover letter from Drummond describing the meeting and the consensus achieved.

The Southern Association is to meet in early December to determine the status of Southeastern's accreditation, and that decision is expected to be handed down Dec. 12.

Drummond and G. Thomas Halbrooks, professor of church history and president of Southeastern's American Association of University Professors chapter, expressed hope that the workshop would help the seminary's cause.

"Whatever the outcome, the fact that we've had this dialogue will be crucial," Halbrooks said. "I see us as taking a very positive step. As we continue those steps, it is less significant what the level of those (Southern Association) sanctions might be," because progress is being made.

"I won't presume a full answer," Drummond added. "We talked. We had good dialogue. Surely this will be looked at positively."

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.

## Pastors "would see Jesus" at conference

(Continued from page 3)  
Parker, and Shelli Barnes.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. with music by Eva Hart and Becky Payne, pianist and organist, respectively, at First Church, Jackson. It concludes at 4:15 that afternoon. Election of officers will take place at 3:25. Besides Gandy, other officers are J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Columbia, vice president; and Lannie Wilbourn, pastor of Pine Lake Church, Brandon, secretary-treasurer.

## Martins and Mettses named

(Continued from page 3)

adult education and outreach at Metropolitan Church, Wichita, Kans.

Born in Deland, Fla., Metts is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary. He has been a department and merchandise manager for Gayfer's Department store in Jackson; Mobile; and Clearwater, Fla. He has also been minister of education and outreach at Harlan (Ky.) Church.

Born and reared in Jackson, Mrs. Metts, the former Terri Vickers, is a graduate of Mississippi College. She has been a preschool teacher and teacher's aide in Jackson.

The Mettses have three children: Joshua Dodd, born in 1978; Jonathan Michael, 1979; and Sarah Elizabeth, 1983. The family will go to Maryland for orientation in January.

## Flowers to lead meetings for secretaries

(Continued from page 3)

Jeanette Flowers will be the leader for two identical one-day conferences for secretaries. The conferences will be called "Bee... The Best You Can Be!"

Each meeting will take place 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Nov. 6 meeting will be at First Church, Grenada; the Nov. 7 meeting will be at Covington-Jeff Davis associational office in Prentiss.

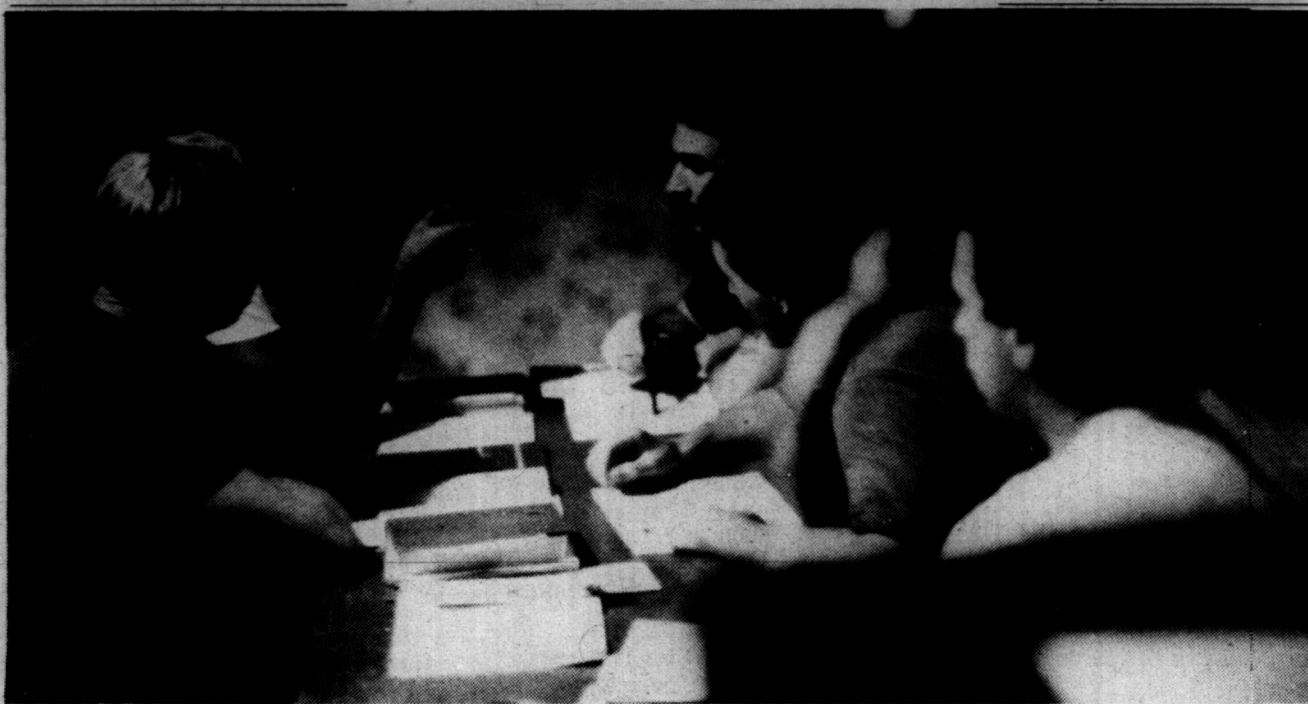
Mrs. Flowers is an approved worker for the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, MBCB, and administrative assistant to the pastor of First Church, Jackson.

Each portion of the conferences utilizes a "Bee..." emphasis. Topics are "Bee..." "A Part of the Team," "... A Professional," "... A Goal Setter," and "... A Stress Conqueror." A session on "pet peeves" of the work place will conclude the program.

There is no charge for the conferences. Each person is asked to take a sack lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided by host.

To register, write the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, phone 968-3800.





Travis Murray, at far left, leads a mission study group of Baptist Young Men at the Monroe County Jail.

## Christians in jail want to minister to others

By Tim Nicholas

The idea for a ministry out of First Church, Amory, developed when a member of Travis Murray's MasterLife discipleship course went to jail. That inmate, a church member, told Baptist Men's director Ken Holmes he knew the church was involved in missions and "Why weren't we involved over there (at the jail)?" Holmes quoted.

Holmes said his first answer to the inmate's question was that "We didn't want to be. My attitude was they were in jail for a reason and I didn't need to be there. That changed after I got a friend over there."

That was nearly three years ago come November. Since then First Church, Amory, along with Southside Church, and two others hold Sunday morning services weekly. Holmes and Paul Knox, an engineer with Tru-Temper, are teaching courses leading to high school diplomas for the inmates, and Travis Murray is leading a Baptist Young Men's group.

The GED high school classes have been going about a year. Already two have graduated with diplomas and a couple more are readying for their exams. Holmes held a pizza party for the class when the first two graduated.

Holmes said he should have had another to graduate. The man was doing quite well, he said, but dropped out the day he escaped from the jail. He was shipped to Parchman after he was captured and the program lost a bright pupil.

Said Murray, Royal Ambassador director for the church and an accountant and programmer for American Funeral Assurance Company, "There was nothing going on in the jail as far as rehabilitation. These guys are sitting in a room 24 hours a day with nothing to do."

Added Holmes, who works as an oil jobber for Amoco, "I always thought criminals were terribly bad. You should lock them up and throw away the key. I found I was wrong. With no chance for parole there's nothing you can do to rehabilitate that person... no hope." With a parole system, a prisoner might say, "If I'm good or if I've learned something, perhaps I can get out."

Holmes is also teaching math to David, an inmate enrolled in Ohio University's bachelor of science "in-

carcerated division." Holmes's wife, Peggy, a teacher at Amory high school, serves as David's proctor for exams.

There are eight in the GED class right now with abilities ranging from 3rd grade to 12th grade, with the program administered by Itawamba Community College. Holmes uses the stipend he gets from Itawamba to pay for refreshments and materials.

The Baptist Young Men's group which meets at the jail has an enrollment of seven. These are Christian men who want to participate in missions while in jail. Since the group organized a few months ago — with the sponsorship of the Baptist Men's group at First Church, Amory — they've elected officers (one officer said someone in his cell of more than 20 men swiped his list of duties). They've completed Vigil, a personal spiritual examination form. They've studied together the Brotherhood Commissions missions book "Let the Journey Begin," and they've begun several missions projects.

The missions projects range from giving away to other inmates New Testaments which are provided by the Gideons. Murray says another case of Bibles is on its way. David said one man to whom he'd given a Testament, recently walked out of the jail a free man and "all he had in his hand was that Bible."

The group is repairing toys to give out to children in need during Christmas. A number of local churches are helping provide the toys. The sisters of St. Helen's Catholic Church in Amory have volunteered to distribute the truckload of toys donated so far.

In addition the men in the group desperately want to counsel teenagers who are traveling down the road they traveled which led them to prison. Said David, "Twelve years of drinking, doing drugs, having free sex with anyone, and being 'cool' got me 40 years."

"He got so cool he froze," added Poochie, drawing a laugh from the group. Poochie said he'd been witnessing to his brother who was behaving the same way he'd done. Poochie, with a natural gift for art, had begun drawing birthday cards for nursing home residents. After the material for this story was gathered, Poochie was sent to Parchman for

behavior problems, said Murray.

"What we want to do is minister to young people who have been in trouble with the police at least one time," said David. Murray said he is trying to get the sheriff's approval for youth court offenders involved with drugs or alcohol to get counseling with these men.

Said Hash, who said he got his nickname as a teenager for a drug arrest, "This is the pits... the bottom. He said he wants to scare teens away from the lifestyle he followed. He said it was his drug habit plus "smoking, drinking Georgia moonshine, doing it alone... There were promises I made to God that I didn't keep. I'm being punished now for lying to God."

Other missions projects are in sending cards to nursing home patients, and attempting to get Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups started at the jail. And the men are examining several discipleship guides to determine which to study next.

"The Baptist Young Men's group is learning more about worship," said Murray, who returns to the jail most Sundays, often bringing his High School Baptist Young Men's group. Murray said the inmate group members are more open about inviting other inmates to the services. They are taking more of a lead in planning and carrying out the worship services. "It's a lot more open atmosphere now than it's ever been," he said.

Ken Holmes said that often even in the GED classes, he has a chance to speak of the gospel message. "I don't think I can hit them over the head with religion, but by their knowing I'm from First Baptist Church and caring for them — that means more to them — by living a life that means I care about them, maybe they'll listen to what I say about Jesus."

For Travis Murray, "The main joy for me is the new outlook on people it's (the jail ministry) given me and learning of the need for Christian leaders to be involved with people with problems."

He added, "For me it was a real nice orderly world I lived in until I started ministering in jail. I could choose to get involved or not. Now, there's no choice. They know pretty quick how committed you are to Christ and for caring for them."

## Senior Adult Corner

East Corinth Church, Corinth, will host a Hearts and Crafts Day, sponsored by the senior adult ministry, under the direction of Mrs. Lily Culp, on Thursday, Oct. 26. This celebration of thanksgiving will offer the opportunity for persons to share a testimony of blessings received through hobbies, crafts and handiwork.

Demonstration tables are available for members of the church only. No item will be for sale. This is not a flea market, rather it is a time for "show and tell." Hearts and Crafts instead of arts and crafts because each one will demonstrate what he does or enjoys doing as a hobby, pastime or ministry.

A pot of homemade stew will be served at 11:30 a.m. The ladies of the church will provide salads and desserts. Following lunch, the senior adult choir will rehearse the musical entitled "We're Having The Time of Our Lives." This musical concert will be presented on Sunday Night Oct. 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the church

sanctuary. Ralph Culp is pastor.

For information concerning the program or lunch, call 286-2094 or 286-6552.

The senior adults of Marshall Baptist Association traveled to Branson, Mo., Sept. 27-30. They attended several music shows and took a cruise down the Taneycomo Lake. Patty Andrews is the associational senior adult coordinator and a member of First Church, Byhalia.

The senior adults of Calvary Church, Lamar Association, held their first old-fashioned senior adult revival which was led by W. Levon Moore of Kosciusko. Dallas Rayborn of Hattiesburg led the music and different groups brought special music each day. The revival ended with a covered-dish luncheon on Wed., Aug. 27. Ronnie Jones is the pastor and Edith Campbell is senior adult coordinator.

## Homecomings

Liberty (Newton): Oct. 22; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m.; lunch, noon; singspiration, 1 p.m.; Tommy Anderson, pastor, Emmanuel, Pearl, speaker; Jeff Hardy, First, Newton, music; J. B. Costilow, pastor.

First, Runnelstown, Petal: Oct. 22; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner in fellowship hall, noon; afternoon services following; James Hitt, guest speaker; Henry Freeman, pastor.

First, Minter City: Oct. 15; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Jimmy Hoffman of Eutawka, Okla., first pastor of church, guest speaker; Louis Kilgore, guest singer; covered dish dinner held at parsonage; special music and congregational singing in afternoon; revival was held, Oct. 11-13; Larry Chouccoli, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant (Marshall): Pastor Appreciation Day, Oct. 8; 11 a.m.; Ronald Rhea, pastor, speaker; covered dish was served at noon; singing was held in the afternoon.

Shelton, Moselle (Jones): Oct. 8; G. W. Smith, Bogue Chitto, guest speaker; Jesse Smith, student, Ole Miss, guest speaker; group singing by Selah; James E. Parker, pastor.

## Hebron (Amite) church celebrates centennial

Hebron Baptist Church in Amite County, Mississippi Association, celebrated its centennial on Sept. 24. The message was given by J. Millard Purl, pastor. Congregational songs were led by Mike Bridwell, song director.

Mrs. Mary Etta Conner gave the history of the church which was organized Sept. 22, 1889. She recognized descendants who were present of the founders of the church.

The Junior Choir, under direction of Mrs. Wilda Butler, sang "Little Brown Church in the Vale."

Special recognition was given to former pastors and their families, by Mrs. Leo Parker; former members present, by Stevie Moore; those baptized and those who joined by letter, by Mrs. Mary Lee Coleman; those married in the old and new churches, by Mrs. Cindy Hayes.

Bronze and yellow flowers were placed in the church in memory of deceased members. C. E. "June" Welch led a memorial for these.

Two songs, "Above It All" and "One

Day at a Time," were sung by Amy Giacone, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Janie Wells and the late Archie Wells, former members.

Presentation of a 100 year certificate from the Mississippi Baptist State Historical Commission was made by John Paul Jones, associational director of missions.

Special music was presented by a quartet, Bill Thompson, Shirley Parker, Wilda Butler, and Mike Bridwell.

Ronnie Byrd unveiled the time capsule plaque, to be opened on Sept. 28, 2014.

Prayers were led by Thomas Mercier, Leo Wells, and Harold Dickerson.

Leading up to the centennial during the year, special services included a youth day, senior citizens' day, old-fashioned night at the revival, and a memorial service.

The Centennial Committee included Mary E. Conner, chairman, Eleanor Parker, Mary Welch, Wilda Butler, and Mike Bridwell.

## WMU grant applications set

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will accept applications for Second Century Fund grants through Nov. 1, officials said.

Applications are being accepted for projects in three categories:

— for WMU leadership development in the United States, including development of WMU in new areas or

among new groups;

— for leadership development of Baptist women and girls abroad, including assistance to organizations similar to WMU; and

— for WMU emphases at Southern Baptist seminaries.

Grant applications are available from Anne Gore, Woman's Missionary Union, P. O. Box 830010, Birmingham, AL 35283-0010.



# Revival dates

BAPTIST RECORD PAGE 9

**First, Foxworth (Marion):** Oct. 22-26; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Don L. Chadwick, Orange Hill, Atlanta, Ga., evangelist; Lin Harrison, Orange Hill, Atlanta, Ga., music; Randy Adkisson, pastor.

**Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain (Tippah):** Oct. 22-25; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 11:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thad Moore, First, Hammond, La., evangelist; Graham Smith, Music Dept., MBCB, music; Matt Buckles, pastor.

**Oak Hill (Pearl River):** Oct. 22-25; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays, 7 p.m.; Russell Naron, Euclid Avenue, Bristol, Va., evangelist; Les Smith, Oak Hill, Poplarville, music; Grover Glenn, pastor.

**New Hope Church, Starkville (Oktibbeha):** Oct. 22-27; Barry Wilkinson, Sturgis, pastor of Morgan Chapel Church, evangelist; Archie Chesser, Starkville, music director at Cedar Bluff, music leader; Jerry East, pastor; services at 7 p.m.; (Sunday, Oct. 22; 11 a.m. service, Old-Fashioned Sunday; dinner on the ground at noon; singing at 1 p.m.; revival service beginning at 2 p.m.)

**First, Fairhaven (Northwest):** Oct. 22-25; Sunday, 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Gene Price, Tumbling Creek, Gleason, Tenn., evangelist; Bill Shackelford, First, Fairhaven, Horn Lake; music; Jack Price, pastor.

**Glendale Church, Leland:** Oct. 23-27, revival; Owen Riddick, Glen Allen, pastor of Lake Washington Church, evangelist; Edward Pendergrast, pastor; services, 7:30 nightly.

**Pine Crest, Star (Rankin):** Oct. 22-25; services, 7 p.m.; Louis Smith, director, Church-Minister Relations and Annuity, MBCB, evangelist; Russ Smith, Pine Crest, music; Don Williams, pastor.

**East Philadelphia, Philadelphia (Neshoba):** Oct. 22-26; services, 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; James Lewis, Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian, evangelist; Gary L. Dover, East Philadelphia, music; Charles A. Rodgers, pastor.

**Belden (Lee):** Oct. 22-27; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. nightly, 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. daily with lunch provided; Don Baggett, pastor, evangelist; Joe Scott, music leader.

**Northcrest, Meridian:** Oct. 22-25; Mike Gilchrist, Shreveport, La., evangelist; Max Burris, Northcrest, Meridian, music; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; 7 nightly.

**Antioch, Columbus (Lowndes):** Oct. 22-25; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon and 7 p.m.; Eddie Hamilton, Oak Forest, Jackson, evangelist; Jimmy Harrington, pastor.

**Calvary, West Point (Clay):** Oct. 29-Nov. 1; services, noon and 7 p.m.; James Richardson, First, Madison, evangelist; James Francis, West Heights, Pontotoc, music; Walter H. Frederick, pastor.

Let the world's largest builder of  
**CHURCH ORGANS**  
work for you

**Allen organs**

Beautiful pipe organ sound without the expensive cost of pipes. From the smallest to the largest church installation.

Call 1-800-227-5486

**Roseberry Piano House, Inc.**  
Hattiesburg, MS

Pews, pulpits, baptistries,  
**Van Winkle Church** stained glass, carpet,  
steeples, lighting,  
folding doors,  
theater seats.

**Furnishings & Pew Upholstery**

Box 501, Fulton, MS. 38843  
In MS. Toll Free 1-800-624-9627

**We remodel & paint**

## Just for the Record



A recognition service was held Aug. 27 at Fredonia Church of Union County for three Acteens. Amy Clayton, daughter of Kenneth and Sheryl Clayton; Alison Weeden, daughter of Kereth and Rose Weeden; and Jill Weeden, daughter of Brantley and Polly Weeden, attained the level of Citation in Acteen studies. Jan Cossitt, state Acteens consultant, presented the awards on behalf of the state WMU department. Gregg Thomas is pastor.

The Music Ministry of First Church, Long Beach, begins its 1989-90 concert series on Tues., Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. with Greg Buchanan, harpist, performing.

Admission is free. A love offering will be taken. For more information, contact Jimmy Little, minister of music, at (601) 864-2584.

Monticello Church will sponsor Chuck Maxwell in concert Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Maxwell, who lives in Jackson, Tenn., performed at the National Acteens Convention in San Antonio this summer and recently at the state BSU convention in Jackson, Miss. There is no charge for this concert.

An old fashioned gospel sing will be held at Stanton Church, Natchez, at 1:30 p.m. after a fellowship meal, Oct. 22. Among those featured will be the gospel group "New Hearts" from Louisville, and Jimmy Franks and family from Natchez.

A story in last week's Baptist Record concerning an Oct. 22 dedicatory recital by Harold De Cou placed the church in the wrong city. The recital will take place at Fifteenth Ave. Church, Meridian, at 2:30 p.m.



First Church, Amory, held Mission Friends and GA recognition on Sept. 13. Pictured at left (Mission Friends recognition): front row, left to right: Ashley Cantrell, Sarah Monroe, Corey Sullivan, Zach Leech, Drew Harrison; second row, left to right: Michael Johnson, Mark Benedict, Rebecca Randle, Melissa Marion, Justin Hoots; third row, leader: Lisa Thornton, Susan



Lewis, Anne Beasley. Pictured at right (GA recognition): front row, left to right: Anna Monroe, Emily Mize, Martha Carroll Boozer, Windy Pinkerton; second row, left to right: Carol Cantrell, Tiffany Lawrence, Mary Frances Gregg, Elizabeth Kent, Stephanie Wade; third row, leaders: Marilyn Reed, Vicky Lawrence.



Lakeview Church, Leland, honored its GAs with a recognition service on Sept. 17. Girls receiving badges were, front, Mary Beth McMaster; 2nd row (l to r) — Sonya Hood, Jessica Pinion; 3rd row (l to r) — Anne McMaster, Twanna Whatley, Tonya Gonzalez, Brandy Whatley, and Nikki Smith; Back row — Malcolm Pinion, pastor; Margaret Smith, leader; Donna Martin, director; and Linda Ray, leader.

### CLASSIFIED

RATE 50¢ per word \$5.00 minimum.  
Cash with order except on contract advertising. Include name, address, zip code, and phone number in word count. No blind ads.

**CHURCH PEW CUSHIONS:** Manufactured in our plant. For free estimate contact — Emmons Brothers, P. O. Box 186, Meridian, Miss. 39301. Since 1899. Phone (601) 693-4451.

**JEFFERSON LINES USED MC18 buses for sale.** Restroom equipped, air-conditioned, 4 speed manual, 1974-1977, 47 PAX. Buses available for inspection in Memphis, Mobile, Kansas City, Tulsa, Fort Smith. Call Slim Eichorn 816-761-3857.



Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, held a GA-Mission Friends recognition service July 9. Director of Mission Friends is Nancy Goldman and director of GAs is Melissa Haas. Leaders of GAs were Judy Jones, Rita Goldman, Karen Polk, Donna Rowland, and Dawn Mitchell. Leaders of Mission Friends are Robert Goldman and Karen Busby.

**HMB HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC**

**\$7,500,000**

**SERIES E**

**CHURCH LOAN COLLATERALIZED BONDS**

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, along with other available funds of Home Mission Board, will be used to make direct loans to Baptist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention for the financing of sites and the construction of buildings in keeping with the Bold Mission Thrust emphasis of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable semi-annually. The Bonds will be offered with maturity dates varying from twelve months to fifteen years and the interest rate will vary from 8.5% to 11% depending upon the maturity date as set forth in the Prospectus. Minimum purchase is \$500.00.

Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained by calling or writing:

**HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC**  
**ATTENTION: CHURCH LOANS DIVISION**  
1350 Spring Street, NW; Atlanta, GA 30367  
1-800-HMB-BOND (462-2663)

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of offers to buy any of these securities. The offering is made only by Prospectus.

Please send a copy of the prospectus for the Series E issue of Home Mission Board Church Loan Collateralized Bonds.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## HOSPITALIZATION

**NOW AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE  
WITH PRE-EXISTING HEALTH  
CONDITIONS**

**SUCH AS:**

- ☐ HEART CONDITIONS ☐ CANCER  
☐ HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE ☐ DIABETES  
☐ ARTHRITIS

**AND OTHER HEALTH CONDITIONS!**

If you would like someone to explain these benefits, fill out coupon below and mail to:

**TRI-STATE CONSULTANTS**  
**P. O. BOX 1011**  
**CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI 38732**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



# Christians should encourage one another

By Billy R. Williams  
I Thessalonians 4:15-5:11

In the revelation of further truths concerning the Second Coming of Christ, the Apostle Paul sought to encourage Christians to deeper faith and greater faithfulness. He also desired that the promise of Christ's return become a means by which to encourage each other.



Williams

Paul expressed in verse 13 a two-fold concern. His first concern was that the Thessalonians be informed as to the fate of those believers who died before the return of Christ. They had no reason to fear the destiny of these deceased Christians for they, too, would share in the blessings and glory of Christ's return. He was also concerned that they grieve in a different manner from the unbelieving world which had no hope of eternal life.

In verse 14 Paul gave the basis of the Christians' hope — the death and resurrection of Christ. It is not insignificant that Paul used the term "death" in relation to Christ and the term "sleep" concerning the Christians. The death

## UNIFORM

which Christ died was for the wages of sin. Because he endured the full horror implied in that death and yet overcame death, Christ has transformed death for his followers into "sleep." This metaphor does not speak of "soul-sleep" or of an unconscious state but rather of the confident attitude of the believer who goes to sleep and awakens in Christ. Their personal existence of those who died is further emphasized by the phrase "... will God bring with him."

Paul declared that the truths he would reveal were from the Lord himself not his own conjecture (verse 15). He began by assuring the Thessalonians that those who were alive at Christ's return would not have an advantage over those believers who had died — they would not proceed ahead of them (verse 15b).

In verse 16 and 17 Paul stated that there would be a "shout of command, the voice of an archangel would be heard and the trumpet would sound, which was often used to herald the arrival of an important person or event. However, the most important truth of these verses was that the Lord himself would return to receive his people. Upon his return, the "dead in

Christ" would be the first to be raised (verse 16b).

There is also the promise that the believers who are alive at Christ's return will be caught up to meet the Lord. A reunion and fellowship of the believers will then take place. The greatest hope is that "we will ever be with the Lord" (verse 17) in an unending relationship. Paul on the basis of these great promises ("wherefore") called on the Thessalonians not simply to take heart but to exhort and to comfort each other (verse 18).

Paul did not want the Thessalonians to become preoccupied with the events of the Second Coming. He told them that it was not necessary for him to write further concerning the period of time (times) and the critical events (seasons) of Christ's return (5:1). It was not that they already knew the sequence of events and the exact time of his return but rather because Paul had shared that the time was unknown. The "day of the Lord" (the day of Christ's return) would come suddenly and unexpectedly as a thief in the night (verse 2).

The unbelieving world has little regard for Christ's return. However, they have a false sense of security for as surely as the woman's child will be born when the birth pains begin so Christ will return (verse 3). There will be no

escape — judgement will come. Christians should not be surprised by the coming of Christ for they are the children of light which suggests knowledge and discernment (verse 5). Being children of light should lead the believer to reject the careless indifference which characterizes the world. The Christian must be vigilant and sensible in the light of his special knowledge (verse 6). The unbeliever is either utterly indifferent (sleep in the night) or indulgently absorbed in the unworthy (verse 7). In striking contrast to such conduct Paul exhorts Christians to be armed with faith, love, and hope which will protect them from the assaults of moral evil (verse 8).

Believers are to be prepared because God has chosen them to the fullness of his salvation (verse 9) — a salvation wrought through the redeeming work of Christ (verse 10). The Christian is assured that whether alive or dead he will be brought into eternal fellowship with Christ as the Lord's return.

Upon the basis of these revealed truths, Paul admonished the Thessalonians to encourage and build up each other in the faith (verse 11) — an admonition to be heeded by today's Christians.

Billy Williams is pastor, First, Gautier.

# Living in light of the Lord's return

By Raymond Lloyd  
I Thessalonians 4:13-5:28  
(4:13-18; 5:1-2, 8-10, 12-18)

One of the major problems in the church at Thessalonica, and that which more than any other may have prompted the whole letter, was



Lloyd

what would happen to those Christians when the Lord returned who had already died. As Paul does not mention having dealt with this problem while he was with them, it was something about which they did not have even a clue to an answer. As they expected the Lord's return imminently, would they who have died in Christ go to be with Him, or

be left behind?

Hope for believers who have died (4:13-18). The vast majority of the Graeco-Roman world believed that death was the end. There was no hope. In response to the questions of the Thessalonian Christians, Paul encouraged them to not have the feeling of sadness "concerning them which are asleep." (vs. 13).

The figure of sleep connotes to many the idea of an unconscious state of the believer until the return of Christ. Not so. The Greeks, the Romans, Jesus, Paul all use this as a metaphor for death. What is it that dies? It is the body,

## BIBLE BOOK

Paul makes it clear that the soul of the believer goes to be with the Lord at death: "Christians who sleep, God through Jesus will bring with him" (vs. 14-RSV). He cannot bring them with him when he returns unless they are with him. Being with him means they cannot be asleep in some lonely grave. At death the body goes to sleep and no longer functions; the soul, the real person, who belongs to Christ, goes to be with the Lord. "Absent from the body ... present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8).

Now Paul proceeds to talk about a bodily resurrection. This does not imply the organizing together again of the decaying elements of the body, for "resurrection is not reconstruction." (Wiersbe). The Christian will receive a glorified body, like unto the glorified body of Jesus (Phil. 3:20-21; I Cor. 15:47-48). While it is difficult to pull all the relevant passages together into one simple picture, some things emerge: the body goes to sleep; the soul of the Christian goes to be with the Lord — they are with him now; when the Lord returns, he will bring them with him, will raise a body more glorious than that which was planted in the earth, and they will be joined together for all eternity.

One should note that at this early state of his

ministry Paul anticipated being alive when Christ returned ("We ..." vs. 15). The word "prevent" in vs. 15 comes from the Latin pre — before and venio, to come before, precede. In 1611 (writing of the KJV), it carried this meaning. As it no longer does, the translation "precede" is far better.

When the "shout," the "trumpet," and the "voice of the archangel" sound, the Christian dead will rise first, then the Christian living will be "caught up" to meet the Lord. Several slightly different meanings of this phrase appear in the New Testament: "to catch away speedily" (Acts 8:39), "to seize by force" (John 6:15); "to rescue from danger" (Acts 23:10); "to move to a new place" (II Cor. 12:1-4). Each of these adds a special dimension of meaning to our concept of the effects of the Lord's return.

The greatest and clearest thought of the whole passage is the last phrase of vs. 17: "and so we shall always be with the Lord." Many are the different thoughts regarding eschatology, but of one thing we can all be certain — the Christian shall spend all eternity with our Lord and Saviour. Surely this is a most comforting thought for believers to share with each other.

Instruction for believers who live (5:1-22). After some preliminary remarks about the impossibility of knowing the time of the Lord's unexpected return, Paul moves to some words of encouragement and instruction for believers beginning in vs. 8.

"Be sober" means to be alert, calm, ready, in contrast to drunkenness. "Put on the breastplate ... helmet ..." We have met faith, love and hope in 1:3 where they are qualities producing growth. Here they are armor to protect in an evil world. Faith in God and love toward all men protects the heart (breastplate). Hope of salvation protects the head (helmet). What better security could one have as he awaits the return of the Lord?

Before continuing his list of instructions, Paul reminds them of what God has not done for them — "destined them for wrath," and has done for them — obtained "salvation through ... Christ." As a result of this, referring back to 4:13-18, he says that whether you as a believer are alive or dead physically (vs. 10 — "awake or asleep"), you will live with Christ upon his return. The Thessalonians were instructed to encourage (same word in 4:18) and build up one another with this hope.

In vss. 12ff, Paul rattles off 15 imperatives, "a chain of jewels of good advice" for the Thessalonian church. It is remarkable how pertinent they are to every Christian and every congregation. When we live up to the advice Paul gave, our churches will "shine like a light in a dark place ... and have joy within itself and power to win others." (Barclay). How's your church doing?

Lloyd is pastor, First, Starkville.

# The message of missions

By Randall L. Von Kanel  
John 3:3-8, 14-18

What makes a missionary a missionary? The word "mission" is from the Latin word, "mittere," which means to send. Someone has said the word refers to "the business with which an agent or an envoy is charged."



Von Kanel

A missionary then is one who is sent on a mission. The Christian mission is the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. The mission is found in delivering the message that "God saves all who put their faith in his Son, Jesus!" A Christian missionary is one who

is sent to share the message of God's love and salvation for all persons.

In this fourth lesson of the unit, "Biblical Foundations for Missions," we grapple with the message of missions. What is the message we are charged by our Lord to deliver to a lost world? We may go. We may sacrifice home and health. We may work hard for the cause of missions. But, unless we tell the story of Jesus and his plan of salvation, we have not been true to

## LIFE AND WORK

the missions task. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus encapsulates the basic plan of salvation, which is, the message of missions.

Missions demand that the message of the new birth be proclaimed as essential for entrance into the kingdom of God. Jesus prefaced his opening remarks to Nicodemus with the words, "Verily, verily," noting by their usage the seriousness of what followed (v. 3). Regeneration, the miracle of the second birth, was declared to be a spiritual imperative for participation in the things of God. Nicodemus came as a religious man, even a ruler among the Pharisees. He came questioning in the aftermath of the evident miracles wrought by our Lord, saying, "We know that thou art a teacher come from God" (John 3:1-2). Jesus moved the searching ruler to go beyond the viewed miracles to the greater and all-encompassing miracle of the new birth.

Joseph Parker understood Jesus to have "taught that unless every man himself became the subject of a miracle — the miracle of regeneration — his belief in other miracles

would not admit him into the kingdom of heaven." Being born again is the greatest miracle of all!

The message of missions explains the new birth as a spiritual birth. In verse 4, Nicodemus, recognizing the impossibility of a second physical birth, asked, "How?" How can a person be born again? Again, Jesus responded with a "solemn assurance" that the second birth is quite distinct in kind from a physical birth. To be born again is to be spiritually born (vv. 5-6). Jesus explained that entrance into the kingdom of God is not a human work, but a work of the Spirit.

Missions is declaring the message that salvation is a spiritual work whereby a person is totally changed by the life-giving Spirit of God. The message of missions confronts a world that is bent on being good enough or religious enough to somehow please a God they think they know. The divine decree, issued to Nicodemus and applicable to persons today, is that we "must be born again" (v. 7).

Jesus utilized an Old Testament incident to further explain to Nicodemus the plan and process of the new birth. In verses 14-15, he pointed to the lifting up of the serpent in the wilderness as a picture of his being lifted up on the cross.

Nicodemus, struggling with the idea of spiritual life being given rather than achieved, was given the lesson of faith — looking to and believing in the promises of God. As we put our faith in the work of Christ, "believing in him," we are promised that "we should not perish, but have eternal life" (v. 15). Missions is lifting up Jesus as God's way of salvation.

The message of missions is summarized and given its clearest presentation in John 3:16-18. John 3:16, the capsule of God's love and offer to all the world, outlines the message of the Gospel. God loved! God gave! God offers the gift of eternal life to all who will put their trust in his Son!

In verse 17, the intent of God in sending Jesus is found to be wholly redemptive in nature. In the missions proclamation, we preach that God is "not willing that any should perish" (Hebrews 3:9).

In verse 18, Jesus rested the matter of eternity at the point of our belief. If we believe on him, we live. If we do not believe on him, we stand condemned. The message of missions must call persons to a decision to place our faith and commitment in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Randall Von Kanel is pastor, First, Hattiesburg.



# THE VILLAGE VIEW



## The Baptist Children's Village

Paul N. Nunnery, Executive Director

P. O. Box 27,  
Clinton, MS 39060-0027  
(601) 922-2242

ACCREDITED



## Gifts of Honor and Memory

A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

July 8, 1989 -  
July 31, 1989

### MEMORIALS

Mr. Vince Portera  
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Nipper  
J. L. Posey  
Mr. & Mrs. William R. Davis Jr.  
Jeffery O. Purvis  
Mr. & Mrs. E. N. Ross Jr.  
Mrs. Roma Cox  
Ms. Joy Riddle  
Mr. C. T. Ramzy  
Ms. Mavis K. Hardage  
Ms. Nina Randall  
Mrs. Eloise Avery  
Mamie Beard Reed  
Mrs. Claude Brooks  
Mrs. Ophelia Riley  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph C. Beall  
Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Roebuck  
Robert T. Riser  
Ms. Barbara O. McCarley  
Lucille Robbins  
Mrs. L. T. Polk  
Mrs. Bettye Loyce Robbins  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob McCord  
Mr. Belton Robinson  
Mr. & Mrs. O. R. Gladden  
Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Mitchell  
Mr. & Mrs. I. G. Patterson  
Billy Rogers  
Dr. Elise M. Curtis  
Johnny Paul Rogers  
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Germany  
Ms. Lettie McKenzie  
Mrs. Ora Mae Rogers  
Trinity Baptist Church,  
Vicksburg  
Miss Anna Lou Ross  
Mrs. Beth B. Bounds  
Mr. & Mrs. Delma L.  
Caldwell  
Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Gully  
Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Moore  
Mr. & Mrs. McRae Limerick  
Mrs. Dorothy W. Shaw  
Mrs. Cleora Rozier  
Yale Street Baptist Church  
Mr. Ellis Russell  
Ms. Nancy Moak  
Mr. Jimmy Russell  
Dr. & Mrs. Chester H. Lake Jr.  
Mr. Warren Russon  
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Nipper  
Mrs. T. H. Salder  
Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Hilderbrand  
& Children  
John Frank Sanders  
McAdams Baptist Church  
Meagan Nicole Sanders  
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Malone  
Kenton Sauls  
Mrs. B. M. Seale  
Mrs. W. M. Scrivner  
Mrs. Myrtle M. Mills  
Miss Virginia Sharp  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe K. Cochran  
Mr. J. C. Sharp  
Shuqualak Baptist Church  
William Sharp  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mabry  
Tillman L. Shelton  
Richard Rutland Family  
Mrs. Cleo Shows  
Mrs. Rubenia S. Hardin  
Papaw Grantham & Granddaddy  
Sid  
Mrs. V. D. Elliott  
Jimmy Simpson  
Mrs. Roma Cox  
Joy K. Riddle  
Mr. Floyd Skipper  
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Senter  
James V. Smith  
Mrs. J. V. Smith

Milton Smith  
Mrs. Edie Williams  
Mr. Clois Smith  
Mrs. Evie James & Mrs. Sue Barnes  
Mr. Greek Smith  
Cascilla Baptist Church  
Nathan Smith  
Mrs. Albert R. Smith  
Mrs. Inez Sparkman  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Beach  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Smith  
Mrs. Beth B. Bounds  
Myrtle Spencer  
#1 Ladies Adult Sunday  
School, FBC Calhoun  
City  
Mrs. H. T. Spinks, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Carter Browning  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee Loftis  
Mrs. Audrey Sanderford  
Stevens  
Mr. & Mrs. Clovis Harden Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Sessums  
Mrs. Ida Lee Stockton  
Mrs. Mary O. Duke  
Mrs. W. C. Sullivan  
Mr. & Mrs. L. K. Bell  
Mr. Ernest Taylor  
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Evans  
Mrs. Mary Laura Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Carpenter  
Mr. & Mrs. T. L. Bowie  
Mr. A. Earle Thrash  
Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Hobgood  
Mr. E. S. Tillotson  
Mrs. J. E. Bagby  
Mr. B. F. Townsend  
Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Lee Boone  
Mr. Lavell Tullos  
Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Tullos  
Mr. & Mrs. Denny Walker  
Mr. Wesley Twiner  
Beverly Vaughn Circle, FBC  
Hazlehurst  
Wesley Twiner  
Mrs. Charlotte Broome  
Dorothy J. Van Norman  
Mrs. Carole Mattox  
Mr. William Van Norman  
Mr. & Mrs. John M. (Linda)  
Mabry Sr.  
Donna & Autumn Waller  
Cindy Crain  
Mr. & Mrs. Truman Moore  
Mrs. Frances Watts  
Mr. William G. Lindsay DDS  
Mrs. Ed Barham  
Robby A. Briggs  
Ermagene & Chris Bryan  
Mr. & Mrs. David Bryan  
James K. Dehmow  
Patricia W. Dehmow  
William N. Dickerson  
J. R. Dudley, Jr.  
Ben Dudley  
Sue Harpole  
Vera Harpole  
Mr. Otis Hutcherson  
Mrs. Clyde Hutcherson  
Betty R. Killebrew  
Miss Eva Knight  
Ladies Sunday School,  
Scooba BC  
Mattie Lanier  
Mrs. Oscar Lindly  
Mrs. Willard Moore  
Mrs. Edwin Nelson Strether  
Nelson  
Mr. John Permenter  
Marlyn M. Roelse  
Mr. Eddie G. Sparkman  
Lynda B. Temple  
Debra Waller  
June L. Watson  
Francis D. Watts  
Mrs. Arthur L. Watts  
Lt. & Mrs. Robert Shultz  
USN

Mr. C. H. Whittington, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Dear  
Mr. & Mrs. George G. Bell Sr.  
Mr. John H. Bowron  
Mr. & Mrs. Odell Amason  
Mr. & Mrs. George A. Ware  
Ms. Della P. Whittington  
Mr. Charlie Whittington  
Facility Assignment  
Specialists  
J. J. Whittington  
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Bailey Jr. &  
Family  
Mrs. Kay Wiener  
Mrs. Thomas Fite Paine  
Rev. Bill Wilburn  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dribben  
Rev. Harry Wilburn  
Mr. & Mrs. Bennie L. Hood  
Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Sims  
Mrs. Charles Warren &  
Robbie  
Mr. Edwin Wilkinson  
Mr. & Mrs. John M. (Linda)  
Mabry Sr.  
Mrs. Lorena B. Newman  
George Williamson  
Mrs. Charlotte Broome  
Mr. George Williamson  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles R.  
Womack  
Mrs. Marie Wood  
Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Sanford  
Mr. Amos H. Wooten  
Mrs. Adelle M. Cruse  
Mr. Lars Wright  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Jones  
Mrs. Winnie Wroten  
Siloam Baptist Church,  
Meadville  
Dr. Lisa Young  
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Eubanks &  
Terrell  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Jack Hurst  
Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis

August 1, 1989 -  
August 31, 1989

Infant Son/David & Sheila  
Jennings  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank S.  
Hamilton  
Mr. Theron Alexander  
Senior Adult 3 Sunday School,  
Bogue Chitto BC  
Mrs. Eunice Allbritton  
Dorcas Sunday School, FBC  
Hazlehurst  
Mr. Allen  
Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Dawkins  
Mr. Clinton Allen  
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Makamson  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sparkman  
Mrs. Katherine Anderson  
Yale Street Baptist Church  
Mr. James Arnold  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest L. Scruggs  
Mrs. Vernie Ashley  
Miss India Ware  
Mr. Royce Badon  
Miss Annie Andrews  
Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Hazlewood  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Tumey  
Mrs. Myra Van Norman  
Mrs. Carl Bailey  
Mr. & Mrs. Truitt Phillips  
Sherwood Bailey  
Aunt Mamee  
Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Lang Jr.  
Dorothy K. Barnes  
Mr. Charles W. Holmes  
Grace Barnes  
Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Holloway  
Mrs. Irma Barnett  
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Lackey

Jimmy Mack Barringer  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Barker  
Mrs. Clara Bartley  
Mrs. Harris D. Jones  
Mrs. Ella Downs Beach  
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Coats  
Mrs. Ethel Beaubé  
Stanton Baptist Church  
Mr. C. D. Beech  
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver N. King  
Mrs. Fern M. Lyter  
Mrs. Maebell Berryhill  
Mr. & Mrs. Harmon Alley  
Mr. Elmer Bilbray  
Mr. Barney R. Cook  
Mrs. Guy Billups  
Mrs. Ethel Mullins  
Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Webb  
Mrs. Robbie H. Bishop  
Mrs. Frank Shawblosky  
Mrs. James F. Johnson  
Mr. E. S. Black  
Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Lee Boone  
Mrs. Fred W. Blackledge  
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Majure  
Mrs. Jana Blackledge  
Mrs. Sadie Bush  
Mr. Ed Blaine  
Adult 2 Ladies Sunday  
School, Calvary BC,  
Louisville  
Captain Robert L. Boland, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Stanford  
Rev. Fred L. Bolian, Jr.  
Rev. & Mrs. Fred L. Bolian  
Jr.  
Mississippi/Louisiana Daylily  
Society  
Ruth Sunday School, FBC  
Summit  
Mrs. Clara Bonner  
Martha Austin  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C.  
Stephenson  
Mrs. Myrtle Turner  
Mrs. Juanita Bradshaw  
Dr. & Mrs. R.H.F. Lynch  
Mrs. Ruth Aultman Brannan  
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Williams  
Dr. & Mrs. John Norsworthy  
Mr. & Mrs. John C.  
Shamburger  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cole  
Mr. & Mrs. Wasson Henry  
Mrs. Byron Lott  
Ruth Sunday School, FBC  
Charleston  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenny R.  
Williamson  
Ms. Mary L. Slade  
Janet Taylor  
Louise Brantley  
Mr. Barney R. Cook  
Robert Breckenridge  
Mr. & Mrs. Reese Snell  
Mr. & Mrs. Powell E. Poe  
Mrs. Lisa Gibson Brock  
Mrs. T. B. Guinn  
Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Knight  
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Griffin  
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Malone  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee Loftis  
Mrs. Lille R. Brown  
Mrs. R. E. Barfield Sr.  
Mrs. Clara P. Brumfield  
Mr. & Mrs. G. T. Hancock  
Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Warrington  
Mrs. Beatrice Burkhalter  
Mrs. Joan Jordan Dean  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jordan  
Wade H. Burns  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Moore  
Mr. Harry A. Burrell  
Mr. Fred D. Evans Jr.  
Ms. Gladys D. Bingham  
Mr. & Mrs. Teddy L.  
Cummins  
Mrs. Luther D. Moore Jr.  
Mr. Fount Owen Burrow  
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Garrett  
Mrs. E. W. Bailey  
Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Burrow &  
Family  
Cecil Cost Sunday School,  
FBC Jackson  
Ms. Sue Evelyn Byrd  
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Knight  
Mrs. Joyce Carmichael  
Mr. & Mrs. Davis V. Riley  
Mr. Roy Cain  
Forest Baptist Church  
Roy & Beth Cain  
Mr. & Mrs. George Gatewood  
Boyce Callicutt  
Miss Susie Jordan  
Sara Beth  
Mr. Boyce Callicutt  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Frazier  
Miss Janet Clare Smith  
Mrs. Christine Camp  
Douglas Sunday School, FBC  
Magee  
Mrs. Bessie K. Campbell  
Mr. & Mrs. Horace Godbold  
Adult IV Ladies Sunday  
School, FBC Bude

Professor Henry R. Carlock  
Powell Sunday School, FBC  
Clinton  
Mrs. Joyce Carmichael  
Mrs. Sue D. Hankins  
Mrs. Mary Carpenter  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ferguson  
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Sharp  
Mr. James Carr  
McInnis Family  
Mrs. Kathryn for The J. R.  
Rippy Family  
Mr. Floyd Caulfield  
Mr. & Mrs. P. N. Conerly  
Mr. Claude H. Cauthen  
Harrell Chevrolet Company  
Mrs. Lou Chapman  
Mr. & Mrs. S. O. Kuykendall  
Mrs. Pearl Cheronnes  
Mrs. Margaret Sandifer  
Mrs. Marie Smith  
Mrs. Joyce Clark  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gnessi  
Mrs. A. G. Cleveland  
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Stevenson  
Jr.  
Mrs. Callie Coald  
Mrs. Ethel Mullins  
Jo Cobb  
Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Dyer  
Judge Kermit Cofer  
Lamar & Chutz  
Mr. L. A. Corbin  
Mrs. Mary B. Ford  
John F. Corley  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Barbee  
Aylmer Cosby  
Mr. & Mrs. Homer Woodruff  
Mr. M. A. "Chub" (Hank)  
Courtney  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Clanton  
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Henry  
Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Weeks  
Mrs. John S. Whitfield  
Mrs. Byron Crawford  
Ms. Jennie Sue Coltharp  
Mrs. Sara Crawford  
Forest Baptist Church  
Bobby B. Crenshaw  
Mrs. B. E. McCarty  
Mr. Layton L. Crenshaw  
Malessia K. Hines  
Mrs. Virginia Crenshaw  
Jesse Lee Crum  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Beattie  
Husband of Sarah T. Curtis  
Mrs. Dorothy Frost  
Mrs. Jack Triplett  
Mr. Thomas Curtis  
Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Fleming  
Mr. Fred Daggett  
Ms. Thelma Anderson  
Joe B. Dakin  
Mr. & Mrs. W. W.  
Dannenberg

(To be continued)

### HONORS

Mrs. Louise Craig  
Ruth Sunday School, FBC  
Tupelo  
Mr. & Mrs. Willie Joe Cruise  
John & Linda Mabry  
Forrest Eaves  
Bethesda Baptist Church



Staff and children are meeting at the pavillion for a picnic on The India Nunnery Campus near Jackson. Bob Catlett who works in The Village Maintenance Department is part of the very important team that cares for Village facilities. Here Bob is pictured doing what he loves most — spending time with the children.

Mr. Thomas P. Edwards  
Bethesda Baptist Church  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Elling  
Mrs. Lois L. Baker  
J. F. Ellis  
Bible Learners Sunday  
School, FBC West Point  
Mr. & Mrs. Ira D. Fowler  
Dr. & Mrs. W. D. Austin  
Hillman Gentry  
Bethesda Baptist Church  
Rev. & Mrs. Charles Holifield  
Mr. & Mrs. James Copeland  
Miss Cheryl Seeber  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Coker  
Dr. Mike & Patty Howe  
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Gann  
Dr. & Mrs. Wyatt Hunter  
Phoebe Sunday School, FBC  
McComb  
Mr. & Mrs. Sanford E. Keith  
Mrs. D. F. Fondren Jr.  
Miss Mary Godbold  
Rev. James Kiblinger  
Enrichment Series,  
Northminster Baptist  
Church  
Mrs. Gladys Mazingo  
Esther Sunday School, FBC  
Laurel  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Milam  
Mrs. Lois L. Baker  
Sean & Elizabeth Milner  
Mrs. John McFadden  
Lillie Montgomery  
Bethesda Baptist Church

Mr. Paul N. Nunnery  
Dr. & Mrs. William B.  
Thompson  
Mrs. Judy Parker  
Enrichment Series,  
Northminster Baptist  
Church  
Mrs. Stuart Rounsaville  
Fellowship Sunday School,  
FBC Leakesville  
Inez Sparkman  
Nannie Thompson  
Mrs. JoLynn Swayze  
Enrichment Series,  
Northminster Baptist  
Church  
Mrs. Peggy Taylor  
Enrichment Series,  
Northminster Baptist  
Church  
Donald & Glenna Tumey &  
Family  
Bobbie Gay Maxwell &  
Ashley  
Dr. Buddy Wagner  
Enrichment Series,  
Northminster Baptist  
Church  
Mr. Terry Wills  
Tri-County Baptist Church,  
Stewart  
Gail Womack  
Mrs. W. G. Roberts  
Mrs. Nell Wright  
Hope Sunday School,  
Southside BC, Meridian

There is immediate need for mature, Christian couples and ladies, age 30 to 60 years, to serve as child care worker on our residential child care staff. Applicants must be in good physical and emotional health, prepared to accept 24-hour per day residential assignment with children.

- \*No previous experience required — we will train
- \*Adequate cash salary; room and board furnished
- \*Excellent insurance and retirement program
- \*Interesting opportunity for Vocational Christian service

For further details contact:  
Henry M. Glaze or Paul N. Nunnery  
922-2242

The Baptist Children's Village

P. O. Box 27  
Clinton, Mississippi 39060-0027

EOE







Maternity ward at Women's Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand.

## Baby boom in Thailand never stops

By Maxine Stewart

Witnessing opportunities in the Thailand Baptist Mission continue to increase daily, as each new birth is a potential future witnessing opportunity. Mechai Viravaidya, director of Family Planning Services in Thailand for the past 15 years, is doing an effective work in an enormous family planning program throughout the country. The family planning program at the Thailand Baptist Mission hospital in Bangkok has also proven extremely beneficial. But in spite of these efforts to help the Thai people control their population, many babies are born daily.

Doctors and nurses in the maternity ward at Rajavithi Hospital, a

government hospital in Bangkok, may question the effectiveness of the family planning program as they deliver 100 to 120 babies in a 24-hour day.

The 101-beds in the maternity ward, as well as the 12 delivery beds, are all often occupied when a new mother arrives. If this is the case, she may have to resort to a straw mat on the floor. But most likely, one of the new mothers who is doing well after delivery will be discharged early.

After delivery the babies stay on the bed with the mothers. Mothers are allowed to stay three days in the hospital — unless the bed is needed — and unless there are complications.

The Rajavithi Hospital has a good reputation and the "price is right." The ward charges 100 baht (US \$4) for each delivery, but even at that price many of the patients cannot afford to pay. In cases like this, the hospital absorbs the cost. The difference in the annual budget and the maternity medical expenses (around US \$480,000) is usually covered by donations of other people. Most of the mothers come from families of meager means. The majority of them are manual laborers from the provinces.

A total of 36 doctors, 29 interns, and 24 nurses work the ward in shifts. A team of 20 cleaning personnel works around the clock (in shifts) getting things in readiness for the next delivery.

There is an O.B. out-patient clinic of 1,500 each day. That is more than half-a-million per year for one ward!

The 25-bed Thailand Baptist Mission hospital delivered 344 babies last year. Several hundred additional women attended the monthly family planning program at the hospital, averaging 171 visits monthly. The 5-bed nursery stays occupied most of the time.

A Thai nurse English student of



Thai women assembling at the Baptist Mission hospital in Bangkok on family planning day. — (Photo by Maxine Stewart)

missionary Maxine (Mrs. Bob) Stewart worked for several years in mid-wifery at the Women's Hospital in Bangkok before going to work at the Baptist Mission hospital. Stewart asked Khun Matana what was the largest number of babies she personally had delivered in one shift of duty. "Thirteen!" she replied. "I was so exhausted from the experience I slept straight through the next 36 hours."

While the Stewarts went to Thailand in 1958, there were about 48 million people. The population has now increased to 60 million, which offers more and more witnessing opportunities for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stewart is missionary press representative for Thailand.

## Adapting to change is greatest challenge to SBC, says Rose

By Joe Westbury

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — How Southern Baptists handle future shock could be the deciding factor in how the denomination ministers in the next century, barely 11 years down the road, Larry Rose told Baptist associational directors of missions.

Rose, associate director in the metropolitan missions department for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, gave the directors of missions a glimpse of the change affecting their world — and the local church — by the turn of the century.

Rose presented contemporary facts and futuristic scenarios during the National Convocation on the Baptist Association at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

As the United States continues to decline in world economic power and competes against foreign nations in a global marketplace, U.S. citizens — and therefore Southern Baptists — no longer will be able to view themselves as the most influential power in the world, Rose said.

"We now live in a global community. What happens in Tokyo has impact on Wall Street and Main Street. How we shall live, work and survive are the major issues of the future," he said.

The decline of the nation's international influence already has become a reality in the religious arena, where the country's spiritual standing is on the wane and the United States is being viewed as a mission field by evangelicals and religious groups from other countries.

That perception will continue as the country loses its Christian image and continues to evolve into a country with a plurality of religions, Rose warned.

The growing number of educated women also will impact a society long dominated by male wage earners. In 1950, women comprised 30 percent of the college enrollment; by 1987, that percentage had nearly doubled to 52 percent.

How the denomination relates to those women and harnesses their intellect is yet to be determined — but society will embrace them as a valuable asset to the work force, he added.

Rose then described a new lifestyle that will change the face of rural America, where most Southern Baptist churches are located.

Citing research from Washington State University, Rose described the end of the family farm as it historically has been known. Joining the few remaining farmers will be numerous

high-tech sophisticates who live in the country but do their work at home on computers linked electronically to offices in cities around the world.

"This will bring different kinds of people to the rural areas. Much of the homogeneity of rural America will be lost," he said.

The impact on the rural church "will be tremendous," Rose continued.

"Churches built on homogeneous groups — who lived close together, who farmed, whose children attended the same small schools, and who shopped in the same stores — will be facing heterogeneous people of various ethnic-social backgrounds."

Many newcomers will come from large urban areas with a vastly different set of values and priorities, he suggested.

On the other hand, such change will offer one of the greatest mission challenges for the rural church. Christians who are creative and motivated will find a mission field. How Southern Baptists adapt to these newcomers in their midst may prove the greatest challenge to the denomination, he said.

Although rural churches may have to rethink their historical role and be more open to outsiders moving into the community, urban churches will not be spared the shock of similar change.

The steady exodus from the cities to rural America is daily being mirrored by a flood of immigrants from around the world to the nations cities. The influx is due to overcrowding in other nations of the world, Rose said.

For example:

— If present trends continue, Bangladesh will have a population of 240 million in only 30 years — almost the population of the United States today — on a land mass not quite the size of Arkansas.

— Asia is growing at a rate of 2 percent per year, which means it will double in 39 years. Latin America will double its population in only 24 years.

— Ninety-two percent of the world's projected population growth until A.D. 2000 will occur in the less-developed countries. Stated another way, of every 100 babies currently born in the world, eight are white and 92 are non-white.

Those changes already are showing up in U.S. immigration figures — and eventually will trickle down in the form of the increasing number of ethnic families who move into communities with Southern Baptist con-

gregations, Rose said.

"From 1790 to 1960, 80 percent of all immigrants came from Europe — mostly white Anglo Saxons from the northern reaches of the continent," he said. "But in the past 19 years, 80 percent have come from Hispanic and Asian countries — non-whites who bring with them a background of Catholicism and Eastern religions."

For example, Los Angeles will experience an annual net gain in population over the next 11 years. That gain will reflect increases only among Hispanic and Asian groups.

Other changes in American society — such as the graying of the nation and the change in the workplace from a nation of factory workers to a nation of information clerks — will impact the local church.

"Southern Baptists have the message, the technology, the methods, the financial ability, the people to share the gospel with our nation and our world," Rose said.

"But do we have the willingness?"

Joe Westbury writes for the Home Mission Board.

## Warning labels may be useless

WASHINGTON (BP) — Warning labels that are to be carried on all alcoholic beverage containers beginning this fall may end up being useless, said Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn.

Citing a recent report by Congress' General Accounting Office, Gore said regulations approved by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms would allow labels to be so small and inconspicuous that they will not effectively warn anyone.

Congress last year passed legislation requiring all cans and bottles containing alcoholic beverages to bear a label stating: "Government Warning: (1) According to the Surgeon General, women should not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects. (2) Consumption of alcoholic beverages impairs your ability to drive a car or operate machinery and may cause health problems."

Pressure from the alcoholic beverage industry appears to have played a major role in undermining the new warning program, Gore noted.

## Drug traffickers have infiltrated even churches

LA PAZ, Bolivia (EP) — Drug lords in many Latin American countries are using coercion to force farmers to grow drugs for them, according to a recent report. Church leaders in Bolivia and Peru, two principal coca-growing nations, fear that a growing number of Christian farmers may be among them.

Coca is the plant from which cocaine and its more stringent derivative, crack, are made. To pressure farmers into growing the plant, local peasant associations refuse to allot parcels of land to farmers unless they promise to produce a quota of coca, according to a recent article in Christianity Today.

The associations oppose U.S.-backed coca eradication programs, and members who fail to participate can be fined and possibly even lose their farms. Some have been threatened with violence and forced to leave.

Although many local evangelical pastors preach against producing coca, such a public stand can be costly, according to Humberto Flores, a minister with the Bolivian Baptist Union.

"It appears that the cocaine traffickers have infiltrated all the community groups, even churches, where they think they can influence public opinion in their favor," said Flores.

The temptation to grow coca can be great for farmers, since the profits from it are so much greater than other produce. For some, it is not a

question of becoming wealthy, but a matter of choice between feeding and clothing themselves and their families, or watching them go hungry.

"With coca I can feed my children and send them to school," Benito Mendoza, a Bolivian farmer, told Christianity Today. "My choices are very hard."

Baptist Record

005-DJM BAPT HISTORICAL SO 00  
SOUTHERN BAPT HISTORICAL SO 00  
901 COMMERCE ST SUITE 401  
NASHVILLE TN 37203

Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205

October 19, 1989